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The heat is on in row over waste collections

T H E new (BCBC). arrangements for collecting rubbish and recycling in Bridgend county borough are now in their third week, and a group of councillors have lost patience and written a strong letter of complaint to Bridgend County Borough Council

bins. However, BCBC is arguing that the glitches in the new system will soon be overcome, and it has pointed to considerably improved tonnages of recycling collection – something it claims it has to achieve to avoid fines for sending too much waste to landfill.

The councillors who signed the letter are, in the main, from the independent groupings.

The Conservatives on BCBC are taking a different line of attack. (See page 13 article.)

The councillors wrote to Coun Huw David, Leader of BCBC:

We write to you as borough, town and community councillors representing residents from across the BCBC area and as members of a number of different councils to express our increasing concern regarding the performance of BCBC's contractor Kier and the overall rollout of the new regime referred to as the "two bag rule". It is clear to us and the residents that we represent that the scheme isn't working and that Kier are not performing.

Anxious householders are continuously contacting us because they are still waiting for the correct bags and boxes, refuse is not being collected on the correct days, streets and houses are being missed and rubbish is piling up on our streets.

Your contractor is leaving bags and boxes strewn across our neighbourhoods often with items left inside.

There are already signs of an increase in fly tipping and littering.

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WOE, WOE & THRICE WOE AT MAESTEG TOWN HALL!



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Iolo is awarded a Blue Peter badge!
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ABOVE: Fans of Frankie Howerd's *Up Pompeii* would have been in their element at Maesteg Town Hall recently, as The Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society brought a stage production to the Maesteg Festival.

Taking place over three nights (June 14, 15, 16) the production was a hit with audiences. Read more about the production on page 4, but titter ye not!

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Wise words from Good Samaritans

ON June 8, Sker WI president, Nora Williams, welcomed 35 members.

It was an unusual meeting because the usual room was being as a polling station for the general election, so the group had to relocate next door.

The members received sad news that Muriel Stubbs, newly-appointed treasurer, had to pass the baton onto Wendy Williams, formerly welfare officer, due to personal reasons. Sker WI sends best wishes to Muriel and thanks Wendy for stepping in to the role.

Following the usual mix of business and communication, Nora introduced the guest speakers, Gwen and Bill, two long serving volunteers with the Bridgend branch of the Samaritans.

Gwen and Bill (not their real names) told us that Samaritans began in 1953 in London, founded by a vicar called Chad Varah.

Throughout his career, Chad had offered counselling to his parishioners and wanted to do something more specific to help people struggling to cope and possibly contemplating suicide.

Although the founder of the Samaritans was a clergyman, Gwen and Bill stressed that the Samaritans have no religious or political affiliations. They are a registered charity and are wholly dependent on donations.

Although there is a small professional team working nationally in areas of fundraising and raising public awareness of the Samaritans, everyone working 'hands-on' in the local branches are volunteers.

The group was told that Samaritans listen to those in need, try to alleviate stress, help people to explore options open to them and assure people of their right to confidentiality in their dealings with the Samaritans.

Gwen and Bill explained that the Samaritans will not offer advice as they believe that people have a right to find their own solutions to problems. However, people will be

offered human contact via non-judgemental conversations.

With suicide rates increasing nationally, the Samaritans continue to provide a valuable 24-hour emotional support service to those with thoughts of suicide. As well as the Freephone telephone number, people can also make contact via text and emails.

People contact Samaritans UK from many other countries as there is no other organisation like it anywhere else.

Gwen and Bill gave us some thought provoking statistics such as every six seconds, someone makes a call to Samaritans UK. We were also told that currently more men in the age bracket 45-59 commit suicide in the UK than women.

Another number that Gwen and Bill shared was that in Bridgend alone, the Samaritans need 160 volunteers to meet their need, but they currently only have 86! They went on to explain that Samaritans offer a structured training programme for people interested in volunteering.

As well as working from the local branches, the Samaritans have an outreach service working in prisons, schools and colleges. They are also in partnership with Network Rail, providing post-trauma support following incidents of suicide on the railway tracks, and their Step by Step programme working with the families of those who commit suicide.

Their Feet on the Streets Initiative sees local Samaritan volunteers walking among revellers on the streets of Bridgend on Saturday nights.

It could be suggested that the work of the Samaritans fits well with the national campaign adopted by the NFWI 'Alleviating Loneliness,' and a vote of thanks was given to Gwen and Bill and their teams of professionals and volunteers.

Sker WI meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village. Visitors are always welcome.

CB



Volunteers, staff and guests at the STARS awards

Feline aficionados receive awards

Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre held an event on June 10 to thank volunteers for their work.

STARS awards were presented to centre volunteers to say thank you and to recognise the big commitment made

by volunteers in helping cats, people and the charity.

The awards were presented for between one and 25 years' of voluntary service in a wide variety of roles including cat care, fostering, fundraising, reception, and feral neutering work.

Bridgend County Borough Council Deputy Mayor, John McCarthy, and Deputy Mayoress, Judy McCarthy

Coun McCarthy said: "We had the pleasure of visiting the Cats Protection Centre at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, to present service awards to volunteers. "We spoke

individually to volunteers to hear about their work and stories at the Cats Protection Centre and enjoyed a buffet lunch followed by the awards ceremony with awards ranging from one to 20 years, although some volunteers had given many more years of service."

Sue John has been volunteering since 1971 in various roles, including hand-rearing of orphan kittens, fundraising and trapping and was awarded a special contribution award for her long commitment to helping cats.

Sue said: "I am delighted to have received this special award. I have always had a great passion for cats and am glad to have been able to dedicate so many years of my life to helping them. It saddens me that my health doesn't allow me to volunteer as much as I have in the past, but I still continue to help in any way I can."

A special memorial statue was also presented to the family of the late Katie Button, who volunteered for the charity. She died in December 2016.

Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said: "Our volunteers make a huge positive difference to the lives of cats in need. They are a great inspiration to all; it was lovely to be able to reward them for their hard work and commitment and to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to them."

SD

'STRIDES TAKEN' IN CYCLING ROUTES

PLANS to improve the network of walking and cycle routes across Bridgend county borough are set to move up a gear this summer.

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places a statutory duty on all local authorities in Wales to come up with a 15-year vision for an active travel network so that local residents are able to rely less on their cars for short everyday journeys, such as travelling to work or school, and to access shops or services.

After carrying out an initial public consultation in 2015 to find out which routes people were using, BCBC has now launched a new 12-week public consultation to invite views on the routes people would like to see built.

Among the new active travel routes being proposed are links between Bridgend town centre and the Bridgend Designer Outlet, Broadlands to Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Newton to Porthcawl town centre, and Garth to Maesteg Comprehensive School.

Other longer-term schemes have also been earmarked including Pyle to Porthcawl, Maesteg to Tondy, and Bridgend to Porthcawl.

Research from sustainable transport charity Sustrans has found that there is huge potential for change in Wales, with more than one-in-five car journeys being made under two miles in length – a distance that can be easily walked or cycled.

Coun Richard Young, the council's Cabinet member for Communities,

said: "Excellent strides have been made in recent years in promoting active travel, making it a much more practical option for local residents to leave their cars at home and choose an active, healthier form of transport for shorter journeys."

"Some of the most recent work has included a new shared route for pedestrians and cyclists along the A473 between Coychurch and Pencoeed, an extension of the National Cycle Network Route 885 between Tondy and Bridgend so that it now runs all the way up to Bridgend bus station, and a scheme that has made Porthcawl seafront more bike-friendly."

"The next phase for us is to submit maps of the future routes and required improvements for Ministerial approval by November 3 and I would like to invite as many local people as possible to contribute to the development of the county borough's active travel network by having their say in our public consultation."

The provisions of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 only apply to certain areas designated by the Welsh Government where it is believed that there is potential for active travel and where there are over 2,000 residents. Within Bridgend county borough, there are nine such areas, which are Betws, Bridgend, Gilfach Goch, Maesteg, Ogmere Vale, Pencoeed, Pontycymer, Porthcawl and Pyle.

To find out how you can have your say, visit www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation. The consultation will be open until September 1.

Recycling scheme breathes life into spent inhalers

Suzy Davies AM is backing an inhaler recycling scheme.



REGIONAL AM **Suzy Davies is backing a campaign to recycle old asthma inhalers.**

A scheme has been launched by pharmaceutical company Glaxo Smith Kline called 'Complete the Cycle', which enables people to drop their old inhalers off at their local pharmacy.

So far in Wales, 146,300 inhalers have been collected through the scheme and are being recycled into new plastic products – some are also being converted into electricity or heat. This has saved 1,037 tonnes of

CO2 from being created. Welsh Conservative Suzy Davies said: "I welcome this scheme because it helps people across Wales really make a difference by safely disposing of their old inhalers. Two thirds of them were unsure of how to dispose of them and while people want to recycle them, they did not know how they could do this until now. As a result, many just ended up in landfill."

"There is also an environmental benefit because recycling them reduces the amount of CO2 we produce."

Rotary Club's cycle 'fun event'

ON Sunday, June 25, the Rotary Club of Bridgend is holding a family cycle fun event at Bryngarw Country Park.

Children, with their parents, are invited to take part, starting at Bryngarw Park and following the Garw Valley Cycle Route towards Pontycymer.

"The aim is to raise money for Cancer Research Wales," said a Rotary Club spokesman.

Entry forms and free car park passes are available from Phillip Davies on 07870 201937 or familycyclefun@btinternet.com.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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25 Sun	08.04	10.3	20.27	10.4
26 Mon	08.53	10.3	21.14	10.2
27 Tues	09.42	10.1	21.59	10.0
28 Wed	10.28	9.7	22.46	9.6
29 Thur	11.12	9.2	23.34	9.1

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Blue Peter badge is a great reward as Iolo speaks out!



PORTHCAWL schoolboy Iolo Evans is proudly sporting a very special addition to his school uniform: a Blue Peter badge.

He was awarded a blue badge by his favourite TV programme after sharing his experiences of the help he received to cope with his stammer.

Iolo (10), came to a clinic after his mother Lucy contacted ABMU's speech and language therapy team for advice.

A spokesperson said: "After getting over his initial nerves about going along, he ended up enjoying the appointments and wanted to encourage other children not to be afraid if they needed help too."

In his letter to the show, Iolo said: "I would say to kids who have

stammers that they shouldn't worry. What is good is if you don't try to keep your stammer a secret, because parents, speech therapists and teachers can help if you get stuck on words."

Lucy, who works at Princess of Wales Hospital as a maxillofacial nurse, said: "He started having problems in year 3. His stammer started to bother him, so I contacted the speech therapy department and they were very helpful."

"He had his first session with speech and language therapist Lowri Roberts and they just seemed to bond straight away."

Newton Primary School pupil Iolo joined a dysfluency group for sessions held in community clinics. This brought together children aged between seven and nine who had

similar experiences. They were able to talk openly and confidently while speech and language therapists explained the importance of good communication skills and taught them techniques to help with a stammer.

These include slowing speech down, pausing during sentences and freezing speech on the stammer until the tension passes.

The therapists helped the pupils decide which methods were right for them, so they could practice with other members of the group.

Lowri said: "Five per cent of children stammer as they grow up. It is more common for boys than girls, and how the stammer appears can differ from person to person."

"For example, some may repeat words or sounds, others may

prolong sounds or pause while they try to get their words out.

"Having a stammer makes people feel self-conscious and isolated, especially as they are growing up, so it is important they have the opportunity to meet people of a similar age with similar experiences."

Her colleague Sara Evans, who also worked with Iolo, said as children grow up help is at hand so they can maintain their progress and confidence in dealing with their stammer.

"We hold regular group and individual sessions for those in primary schools and we also see youngsters as they prepare to move up to secondary school, which can be a big challenge for them," she said.

Lucy said: "Iolo just grew in confidence and started making progress, it has all been so beneficial. Lowri and Sara gave him the tools to deal with his stammer, nothing invasive or scary, just little techniques he can use that really work."

Iolo was so pleased he decided to send off the letter.

"Writing the letter was all his idea. He didn't want other children to be worried if they had a similar problem," said Lucy.

"Iolo is a much more confident boy, the techniques have really empowered him. We are very proud of him."

Holding his prized Blue Peter badge is Iolo Evans, with his mother, sister and ABMU staff.

WILL Y BONT BE CHARITY OF THE YEAR?

Y BONT has been shortlisted for Sainsbury's Bridgend Charity of the Year – and will now need to win a public vote in order to become the selected charity.

We were privileged to have been selected as Sainsbury's Charity of the Year three years ago and this provided us with an incredible opportunity to raise the profile of Y Bont and so it would be a huge boost if we were successful again.

Please vote for us online at www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk or you can vote in-store, by posting your vote in the ballot box at the Bridgend

store. Just to remind you about our barn dance on June 23: tickets are £15 each which includes a hog roast (or veggie option) and live entertainment – provided by Dawnsyr Penyfai (they will be calling the dances), a country and western band and a disco.

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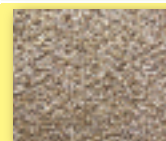
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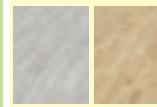
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Joe, Isaac, Niamh and Layla receiving their award from the 'Enterprise Troopers' at the ceremony in Margam Park.

Oldcastle's 'Enterprise Troopers' storm to success

OLDCASTLE Primary School year-6 children were delighted to win an award at a recent 'Enterprise Troopers' Primary School competition for Business Engagement.

The competition, which is organised by Big Ideas Wales in conjunction with the Welsh Government, aims to develop entrepreneurial skills in children

in a 'fun and interactive' way.

The Enterprise Troopers competition has been designed to highlight success stories within primary schools. The competition aims to develop the ACRO skills in children: Attitude, Creativity, Relationships and Organisation.

The regional final took place in Margam Park where the children represented the school to promote their enterprise project. Mrs Katie Coleman, year-6 teacher, said: "Throughout the school year our year-6 children have been working

on an enterprise project to introduce them to the idea of commerce and finance.

"We were fortunate to have had a visit from Barclays Bank who have provided information to the children about running a business and creating an effective product idea.

"The children were delighted to win the Business Engagement award, it was lovely for them to be rewarded for all the hard work they put into the competition."

'TITTER YE NOT' AS FRANKIE HOWARD CLASSIC COMES TO MAESTEG



ONE element of this year's Maesteg Festival that attracted plenty of interest was a local drama group's plan to bring Frankie Howard's risqué comedy, *Up Pompeii*, to the town hall stage.

The Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society presented the show over three nights (June 14, 15, 16) and found enough members willing to wrap themselves in flimsy togas and insecure bath towels – which is one thing you need to make the *Carry On*-style show work.

You also need good comic timing, and the cast rose to the challenge, making sure that the evenings were much enjoyed by the audience.

Photographs by Phil Davies
Scenicgallery.shop

Make a date with Bridgend Male Choir



Conductor Owain Arwel Hughes at the Welsh Proms.

DURING July, in addition to the choir's annual lunch, Bridgend Male Choir will be appearing at St Cuthbert's Church, Wells in Somerset and at the Welsh Proms.

The choir luncheon is to be held on Friday, July 14 at the Heronston Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend. Guest speaker will be Beverley Humphreys, who is no stranger to radio or TV as a singer and presenter, with Phil Steele compere for the afternoon.

Tickets are available from chairman Gareth Davies (garethjamesdavis@gmail.com) at £25/person.

The concert on July 8 at St Cuthbert's Church is in support of St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton. Tickets available from Debbie.Parsons@st-

margarets-hospice.org.uk

Bridgend Male Choir is to be the lead choir at this year's Welsh Proms Brass and Voices concert on July 26 at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

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Tickets for the 2017 season of the Welsh Proms are available from St David's Hall on 029 2087 8444 or online at www.welshproms.com/tickets.html.

Martin Cadogan



Dolly Parton's biggest hits round off Maesteg Festival



Photograph by Phil Davies
www.scenicgallery.shop

THE Dolly Parton Experience closed Maesteg Festival with a show full of nostalgia and vibrant music.

'Dolly Parton' and 'Kenny Rogers' thrilled the crowd in an evening of country music celebration

Many members of the audience were in fancy dress and were up line-dancing during the interval

The audience were up off their seats dancing and joining in with the artists on stage in a very full two-hour show which had all the best-loved country and western songs.

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Reader 'unimpressed with new council recycling scheme'

I HAVE just read The GEM article about the new recycling regime in BCBC.

In Nottage, we still don't have any new equipment 10 days after the introduction of the changes and they are asking us to chase them up by phoning or emailing them!

On Wednesday (June 14), they told my daughter to leave nappies out in a black bag and write a code on it. She did this because as yet, she has none of the new purple bags.

Guess what? They collected everything else, but left the nappies behind.

Kier's call centre is in Torquay and recently had one of their contracts terminated.

BCBC plan to relocate the tip to Village Farm, Pyle – that will be interesting as it's a very busy place already, with congestion at peak times.

Will there be proactive road improvements? I doubt it.

Allan Doyle, Nottage, Porthcawl.

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First Minister 'impressed' by young voters' turnout

CARWYN Jones says he was impressed by the number of young people who voted in the recent general election.

The First Minister and Bridgend AM said at the National Assembly that he does not favour compulsory voting and that politicians have a responsibility to do what they can to increase voter turnout at elections.

He added: "What I saw on that Thursday was a huge increase in the numbers of young

people voting. At 10am on the Thursday morning, I could see that something unusual was happening in terms of the turnout.

"From my perspective, it was marvellous to see young people coming out to vote in the numbers that they did.

"I hope that continues in the future, because it was never good for society for a view to take hold that older people vote and younger people don't. I'm glad that younger people have found their voice."

Michael Prosser

Kim's dogs are star turns at her wedding

TWO former homeless hounds have walked their owner down the aisle on her big day.

Kim Davies (29), started working at Dogs Trust Bridgend 10 years ago and is now the training and behaviour advisor at the Pen-y-Fai centre.

Ex-homeless hounds and previous residents at the rehoming centre, Maddie and Flea, accompanied Kim and her husband, Jason, down the aisle as they exchanged vows and officially declared their love for each other.

Kim adopted Maddie, the cocker spaniel in 2008 when she was six months old, and fell in love with her high energy and zest for life.

Kim and Maddie took up agility classes together when Maddie turned one, and this has proven to be a great way to channel her energy into something focused, and the pair have thrived in classes.

Flea, the eight-year-old Shih Tzu-cross, was adopted by Kim in 2009 after she fostered him at 13 weeks old.



Kim and Jason with Maddie and Flea on their wedding day.

Kim said: "Flea got his name as he was covered in fleas when he arrived at the rehoming centre. However, he was soon flea-free but the name stuck!"

Kim gives full credit to her pooches for helping to win Jason's affection after they accompanied them on their first date: a romantic walk on the beach. The devoted dog-lovers married on the beach in Swansea

with Maddie as a flower girl and Flea as one of the page boys.

Kim said: "The dogs are a huge part of our lives and we always wanted them to be involved in the big day. They were there for our first date and we couldn't imagine having our big day without them by our side."

"Both dogs joined us for the photos and a special wedding breakfast of chicken

and gravy.

"Flea is a little poser and lapped up the attention from everyone while Maddie just wanted to run into the sea!"

"We went to Las Vegas for our honeymoon, but we came back and went on a family break with our little boy and the dogs to Pendine in west Wales where we spent the week visiting castles, walking on the beach, building sand

castles and swimming in the sea. They loved every minute of it - it was a perfect family honeymoon."

"We had Dogs Trust wedding favours instead of traditional ones as all money raised goes back to the rehoming centres to help even more dogs."

"Everyone got a dog pen to take home and our cake had dog figurines on it, so we really went for an all-out dog theme."

"My dad even mentioned Dogs Trust in his speech as he knows how passionate I am about working there. I owe a lot to Dogs Trust, especially for helping me to find two of the most loving, precious dogs ever."

"I really don't know what I'd do without them in my life and I'm just so pleased they were able to share our wedding day with us. They certainly made the day even more special."

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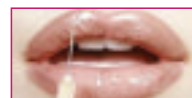
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Anglers called on to release all salmon to conserve stocks

ANGLERS in Wales are again being asked to help conserve fish stocks by releasing all the salmon they catch in 2017.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has made the request as the number of salmon in Welsh rivers continues to give cause for serious concern.

Dave Mee, senior fisheries advisor for NRW, said: "The salmon is an important part of our environment and our culture in Wales, so it is essential we do all we can to help preserve as many fish as possible."

"We would like to see anglers and netmen voluntarily release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch to ensure more fish survive to migrate upstream to spawn and produce juvenile fish to help boost stocks."

Fish stocks in 23 salmon rivers and 33 sea trout rivers are assessed annually in Wales and placed in categories according to their risk of failing to achieve important stock targets.

The assessments for 2016 show that all but two of the 23 salmon rivers (Severn and Usk) are failing to reach their management target and are either 'at risk' or 'probably at risk'. For sea trout, 16 of the 33 rivers assessed are in a similar poor condition with a low level of spawning fish.

About 78 per cent of salmon and sea trout are released after being caught although this includes existing statutory controls. The number of fish returned on a voluntary basis is around 60 per cent during the summer.

Peter Gough, principal fisheries advisor for NRW, said: "Although stock levels continue to be a cause for concern, some Welsh rivers are showing positive signs."

"The Wye showed a really encouraging improvement in salmon numbers in 2015 and 2016 and we predict it will move out of the 'at risk' category by 2020 to be 'probably not at risk'."

"We believe this is the result of a combination of earlier catch and release and other fishing controls."

"There have also been



A salmon caught in the River Usk recently.

significant improvements in habitat and water quality brought about by a strong partnership approach on the river principally with the Wye and Usk Foundation but also the Environment Agency, Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and NRW.

"The River Ogmores is also worthy of mention with Ogmores Angling Association introducing their own rules to ensure 100 per cent of the salmon caught are released."

Dave Mee added: "The number of fish, and salmon in particular, migrating into many Welsh rivers was worryingly low again last year. We have seen very poor catches especially of summer grilse (salmon returning after their first winter at sea) for the past three years."

"Most anglers are already voluntarily releasing the fish they catch but we feel the situation is now so serious for salmon that we must ask all anglers to release all of their salmon."

"We are considering further regulation and have been actively engaging with anglers and other interested parties to help encourage greater voluntary efforts."

"Survival of salmon at sea has declined markedly and is currently at a historic low. It is difficult to tackle this, but there are additional pressures on our fish stocks these days including habitat damage, pollution and illegal exploitation and we can do something about these."

"While this is ongoing, anglers releasing their fish is one

of the most effective way to help safeguard our stocks by allowing more fish to survive and spawn."

To give fish the best chance of survival, it is important that fish are handled with the utmost care and released as quickly and as carefully as possible.

Anglers can help by using barbless single or double hooks, playing the fish quickly, keeping it in the water at all times and supporting the fish facing into the current until it is strong enough to swim away.

Methods such as the use of worm and treble hooks can seriously reduce a fish's chances

of survival and anglers are urged to use other methods.

Catch and release is one of several initiatives to improve Welsh fish stocks.

Over the last 15 years Natural Resources Wales, in partnership with Rivers Trusts, Welsh Government and the Sustainable Fisheries Programme, has invested millions of pounds to improve stocks.

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From a music festival to a golf championship... busy times for Porthcawl Male Choir

John Jones (top tenor section) resplendent in Zulu attire leading the choir in African Trilogy.

THE choir has enjoyed a very busy and successful May and June and have performed in three concerts: one in Torquay; a music festival at Lydbrook in the Forest of Dean; and at the British Ladies' Open golf tournament at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.

The Torquay event was held in conjunction with Tamar Valley Choir and proceeds were donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The concert was a resounding success and well organised by Mike Williams the concert secretary.

The second concert was with the Lydbrook band and billed as a

'Welsh Evening of Music' and also featured Wynne Evans of 'Go Compare' fame and a local artist named Osian Griffiths.

A comment received from Lydbrook: "Everyone thought the choir was excellent and the audience went home very happy."

The choir were invited to sing for the Ladies' British Open Golf Championship, held this year at the Pyle and Kenfig course. This proved to be a memorable evening for all present and a resounding success.

Susan Simpson, assistant director R&A commented on the evening: "We had a fantastic night last night and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the choir. It was lovely to have a touch of Welsh culture brought to this



very international event.

"The players, members and officials thoroughly enjoyed listening to the music!"

The choir now look forward to two important dates in their calendar, together with a number of wedding bookings.

The first event is a concert in the grounds of Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale on the evening of Friday, August 18.

The second event, probably the biggest in the annual calendar, is their concert held at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl.

This year the guest artist is none other than Mike Doyle, a very talented singer and comedian. This evening should be another resounding success.

Tickets are already available for this event and can be obtained from choir members or on 07773 622537.

Anyone interested in joining the choir is cordially invited to attend any of our evening practices at Arlington Road Church, Porthcawl on a Tuesday or a Friday evening.

Mal Evans

Lifesaving skills should be taught in schools, says AM

SUZU Davies wants to see more school children and students being taught life-saving skills, and is also calling for more defibrillators to be provided in schools and colleges.

The South Wales West AM said at the National Assembly that the Welsh Government is encouraging voluntary uptake of life-saving skills.

She wanted to know how many schools and colleges are equipped with defibrillators, how many more are providing training and how frequently pupils and students are given refresher training.

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams said life-saving skills are crucially important to young people.

She told Ms Davies: "I have a particular interest in looking at the availability of defibrillators in primary

and secondary schools.

"I have asked officials to find out how many of our schools currently have those facilities, where there are gaps and what opportunities there may be, working with the voluntary sector, to address that.

"These statistics are not centrally held, and it is taking a little bit of time to find out who has got what. I am very interested to find that out and to see what we can do to ensure there is universal coverage.

"With regard to the place of life-saving skills in the curriculum, one of the areas of learning and experience is health and well-being."

Ms Williams said these issues are being considered in plans for the future provision of learning and experience.

Michael Prosser

First Bridgend 'Lounge' opens in July

A NEW 'family-friendly' café bar – the Corvo Lounge – will open in late July in Bridgend town centre in the restored former Victoria Inn on Adare Street.

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Individual winners: Kacey Floyd from Tondy, Katherine Kettle, Finlay Cannon from West Park, Summer Kansiray from Nantymoel, Derek Morgan, Summer Roberts from Ysgol Cynwd Sant, Jeanne Harvey, Lauren Bailey from Pen y Fai Primary.

FOR the second year running, the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union organised a public speaking competition for year-5 pupils in local primary schools in the Bridgend area.

West Park from Porthcawl, Ysgol Cynwyd Sant from Maesteg, Ffaldau Primary from Pontycymer, Nantymoel Primary, Penyfai, Tondy, and St Mary's Primary competed.

On May 15, 10 pupils from each school gathered at Penyfai C in W Primary School for a workshop whose aim was to introduce them to the skills they would need in the competition.

The pupils were enthusiastic and confident, enjoyed the activities and all went home with a medal to commemorate the event.

Teachers then had the unenviable task of choosing a team of three pupils to represent

the school in the competition itself on the evening of May 25, again at Penyfai Primary School.

Each school team had a chairperson, a speaker and a questioner and topics discussed ranged from 'Watching TV is a waste of time', 'Children under 11 should not be allowed to use social networking sites' to 'We should all be made to reduce waste and recycle things'.

The standard achieved was extremely high and the audience, including parents, grandparents, teachers and pupils, appreciated the preparation and energy that the teams had put into their performances.

The judges – Katherine Kettle, Derek Morgan and Jeanne Harvey – made the following decisions.

Highly commended speaker: Summer Kansiray, Nantymoel Primary School.

Highly commended chairperson: Kacey Floyd, Tondy Primary School.

Best chairperson: Summer Roberts, Ysgol Cynwyd Sant.

Best speaker: Lauren Bailey, Penyfai C in W Primary School.

Best questioner: Finlay Cannon, West Park Primary School, Porthcawl.

Runner-up team: St Mary's RC Primary School, Bridgend.

Winning team: Ffaldau Primary School.

These pupils received a certificate recording their success and the ESU Primary Public Speaking Trophy was awarded to the team from Ffaldau.

Derek Morgan, chairperson of the branch, and the two other judges, made the presentations.

The ESU is most grateful to all those schools that supported this initiative which now seems to be seen as an annual event.

Particular thanks go the headteacher and staff of Penyfai C in W Primary School for their warm hospitality, both at the workshop and the competition itself.

MP



Winning team, from left: Derek Morgan, Katherine Kettle, Jeanne Harvey, Isabella Clarke, Ioan Lewis-Sullivan and Naomi Davies from Ffaldau Primary, Pontycymer.



Runners-up, from left: Katherine Kettle, Derek Morgan, Jeanne Harvey, Grace Daly, Alana Davies, Vanessa Emeghara from St Mary's RC Primary, Bridgend.

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A Big Lunch for Ysgol Y Deri

YSGOL Y DERI special school has kicked off a weekend of community get-togethers across Penarth with a Big Lunch for guests from the local community.

More than 35 guests, including Vale Council Mayor, Coun Janice Charles, local businesses, school governors, and residents from a nearby elderly care home, joined staff and pupils for a feast prepared by the school's catering students.

Part of the Penarth Learning Community, the school has professional catering facilities where pupils can develop kitchen skills under professional supervision.

Big Lunch dishes shared with the community included sausage rolls, rainbow salads, lamb koftas, and a range of sweet treats.

The school caters for more than 250 pupils



ABOVE: Coun Janice Charles, with (left to right) Joe Rowson (catering tutor), Ysgol Y Deri pupils, Brendan, Chelsea, Brandon, Ewan, and Fred Meunier (catering tutor).

between the ages of three and 19 from around the Vale and Bridgend, with specialist needs including autistic spectrum disorders, as well as mental and physical disabilities.

Ysgol Y Deri assistant headteacher, Kerrie Pritchard, said: "We wanted to run an event for the whole community, not just the

school. "The Big Lunch creates a fantastic opportunity to share a slice of school life with our neighbours. The simple act of sharing food and a fun day helps everyone feel that they are part of the community."

"Our Big Lunch was a special and moving day." The Great Get

Together was a weekend celebrating community on June 17-18, which includes The Big Lunch, the UK's annual eat-together for neighbours, an idea from the Eden Project made possible by the National Lottery.

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Fundraising soccer event for Cancer Research charity

A FUNDRAISING football event in aid of Cancer Research

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Jonny Martyn and friends are arranging a fundraising event in memory of loved ones who have lost their lives to cancer.

Jonny has been inspired by his late mother Marie Martyn,

who was a well known character of Barry.

A spokesperson said: "She was known for her big smile and warm heart and was passionate about fundraising for charities that were close to her heart."

In 2009, aged 70, she completed her first parachute jump with cash raised going to a local

mental health charity that supported people to live independently.

"This event," said the spokesperson, "is for all the family to enjoy the activities being arranged for all age groups and help raise money for this incredible cause."

"Although all the players will, naturally, wish their teams to win, they are also doing it to raise as much money as they can for Cancer Research."

Sponsors and donors are still sought. Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring a team or making donations should contact Jonny Martyn on 07813 980904.

'Active travel' at the Kymin

THE Vale Council is hosting an 'Active Travel Consultation' event for residents in Penarth on July 6.

The term 'active travel' relates to walking and cycling (including the use of mobility scooters) for every day journeys.

It includes journeys to school, to work, to the shops or to access services such as health or leisure centres.

A consultation event will be held at The Kymin in Penarth on Thursday, July 6, from 1.30pm to 6.30pm at which local residents can view the maps and share their views.



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Vale Ramblers enjoy a Barry Island walk



John celebrated his 94 birthday recently.

THE beautiful weather enticed 37 Vale Ramblers out for an evening ramble recently around Barry Island.

Walk leader Su declared her intent to reach four beaches by the end of the walk. Setting out from the Harbour Road car park, the rising tide was still in the walkers' favour for crossing Watch Tower Bay from the pier, over the sands to the slipway.

The Knap looked beautiful in the evening sunlight and local teenagers were perfecting their skateboarding skills in the park.

The group returned over the causeway to a lively Whitmore Bay and then on to the restful seclusion of

beach number four, Jackson's Bay.

A lovely evening ended with birthday celebrations for John, the ever-youthful and charming 94 years young Vale walk leader, still leading walks in our varied programme.

John is a veteran pilot from World War Two, having flown Lancasters and at the end of the war, he took part in the Berlin Airlift.

Given his energy and enthusiasm, he is a sure indication that walking is good for you, no matter what your age!

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Woodhouse Park trip for Beavers and Cubs!



BEAVERS and Cubs went to Woodhouse Park at Bristol for a fun day on June 11.

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CONSERVATIVE LEADER QUESTIONS VALE AM ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES

THE Welsh Government is being urged to press on with improving the A48 road through the Vale.

Welsh Conservative leader, Andrew R T Davies, questioned business secretary and Vale AM Jane Hutt on the issue at the National Assembly recently.

He told Ms Hutt he had raised the issue with her on several occasions.

Mr Davies said: "It is now becoming ridiculous that we have collapsed manholes and potholes on an A road that is the main link between Bridgend and Cardiff, which, as you will appreciate, is heavily used."

"I appreciate there are recent road markings that have been put down, which indicate maintenance as pending."

"But as a frequent user of this road, very often the road markings come and go but no

work happens in between."

"Could we have a statement as to what maintenance is planned for the summer period so that when we do enter the winter months we do see genuine improvement in the condition of the road?"

Ms Hutt said while the Welsh Government does have some responsibility, it is the Conservative-controlled Vale Council (formed after the May 4, 2017 elections) that is the key highway authority in relation to roads within its area.

Mr Davies also asked Ms Hutt about progress on the improvements to Five Mile Lane – the A426 – which links Bonvilston with Barry and Cardiff Airport.

Mr Davies told Ms Hutt: "There have been considerable workings on the site, but there doesn't seem to be any progress on the actual starting of the construction phase of the road."

"I think completion

was due some time next year. Could we have an update as to how work is progressing?"

"Has there been any movement in the timeline for completion of this project so that we can be better informed as to how this £26 million project is developing?"

Ms Hutt said the Vale Council is the key highway authority in relation to roads within the Vale, including Five

Mile Lane.

She told Mr Davies: "The Welsh Labour Government has provided the funding, which I know you've welcomed, for Five Mile Lane."

"It is the Vale Council that is responsible for project managing Five Mile Lane. I'm sure you will seek an update from your colleagues on the Vale Council."

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They will be performing a variety of songs with the Mid Glamorgan Mixed Choir. Refreshments will be available and proceeds will go towards the 'Live at Home Scheme'.

Recycling failure 'could end Kier contract' – AM

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has backed Bridgend County Borough Council's Welsh Conservative group's call for scrutiny of the way in which the new refuse and recycling contract is being operated.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative AM, said she had received many complaints from all over Bridgend county borough about how the new contract is being operated.

Mrs Davies said: "People are complaining that their bags and recycling boxes are not being picked up on time."

"There's confusion about which days people need to put their rubbish out as the new contractors decided to

change traditional days. That was a recipe for disaster before we started, but it doesn't explain why rubbish isn't being collected when it should.

"The special nappy bags have not yet been distributed to everyone who applied. Everything is confused and people are describing it as a 'shambles'."

"I recognise that BCBC has certain obligations with regard to recycling and landfill disposal, which can be costly if not fulfilled. People can get used to change, but only if that change is practicable and well-introduced."

"Collections may have worked properly on some streets, but the level of complaint from those who aren't satisfied suggest these aren't simple teething troubles. Confidence has been further damaged by the poor performance of Kier's information helpline."

The 11-strong Conservative group tabled a motion, which was backed by all parties, calling for a scrutiny committee to look at the operation of the new contract in detail so that changes can be made to improve the situation.

She went on: "New brooms sweep clean. We are looking at a new era of active scrutiny and I'm very pleased that the

new Conservative group has already stepped up to the plate.

"I gather the ruling Labour group signed the £11m contract a matter of days before the council elections and members have been told that it is not possible to reverse that decision. Contracts contain terms about performance and wholesale failure to deliver on those terms can be enough to bring a contract to an end."

"I'm not suggesting we're in that territory yet, but the council needs to be responsive to complaints. If something is obviously not working, then the council needs to enforce the company's obligations."

"If those obligations are not clear or strong enough, then there should be questions about who negotiated that contract, and how."

"I am pleased that the scrutiny committee is to look at this contract in depth. This is without doubt one of the most contentious things that has taken place in recent years in Bridgend and it has provoked anger and frustration across the area."

"I hope that the new Conservative councillors on BCBC will be able to influence the minority Labour administration to make whatever changes are needed."

WASTE COLLECTION ROW

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To compound this Kier will not answer phone calls and e-mails and BCBC staff are reluctant to intervene on behalf of the residents who pay their council tax, preferring to refer them back to Kier.

The scheme is about to enter its third week and there is no sign of things improving. The situation is rapidly spiralling out of control.

When this scheme was first proposed we urged you to reconsider, however, you persisted. Many people warned that the scheme was unpopular and unwelcome but you did not listen.

What no-one predicted was the incompetence with which the scheme has been rolled out, the obvious lack of a coherent implementation plan and the chaos that is now apparent.

The fact that Kier were the incumbent contractor who have had many months to prepare (including a deferment) renders their performance inexcusable.

The public that you and we serve has real concerns regarding this scheme. They are concerned about its implementation, with its disregard for the dignity of those who are forced to register for purple absorbent waste bags that highlight their

personal medical conditions to their neighbours and for the implications for public health arising from the rubbish that is piling up on our door steps.

People with disabilities have not had their needs considered and neither BCBC or Kier have responded to requests for reasonable adjustments despite their duty to do so.

Enough is enough. It is now time for you as Leader of BCBC to show leadership and take personal responsibility for this situation.

We call upon you to recognise that a crisis is unfolding before us and to intervene personally to bring this matter under control. You must robustly manage Kier and you must rethink this ill-conceived regime that is bringing so much concern and alarm to the residents of Bridgend county borough.

The public can no longer be dismissed as "whingers" or "keyboard warriors". The chaos on our streets cannot be ignored any longer. We urge you to intervene with immediate effect.

Council Leader Huw David said: "I can certainly understand people's frustration, and like them, I am extremely disappointed that Kier are not performing as well as they should be. It is clearly not good enough.

"I want to apologise to residents for the inconvenience that this has caused, and thank them all for persevering with us during this initial stage of the contract."

"Despite the implementation issues, residents' efforts are yielding positive results as even at this early stage we are seeing a 50 per cent recycling rate increase, which is significantly higher than we anticipated."

"While these early results are encouraging, we have made it clear to Kier that significant and urgent improvements must be made."

"As a result of this, Kier have made changes such as increasing the number of staff at their call centre, introducing an additional vehicle to ensure that collections can be completed in some of the county borough's harder-to-reach streets, ensuring that staff have worked over the weekend to help complete rounds, boosting crew numbers and more."

Julian Tranter, managing director, Kier, said: "We are sorry for the issues some residents have experienced with their collections during the introduction of the new service."

"We are working hard to ensure that all refuse and recycling collections are up to date and have successfully completed at least 90 per cent of our planned collections

every day since the start of the contract."

"In the first two weeks of the contract we've seen a 50 per cent increase in recycling and would like to thank residents for their participation in the new service."

"Our teams are continuing to carry out additional checks to ensure no properties have been missed and we have increased the number of agents in our call centre to keep pace with demand."

"We are however experiencing an exceptionally high number of calls, so there may still be a short delay in calls being answered."

"If any properties are still awaiting collection, please leave your rubbish out and we will collect it as soon as possible. If any missed collections haven't already been reported to us, please email recyclingandwaste@bridgend.gov.uk."

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Dinas man's BEM award for 55 years of voluntary work

A MAN from Dinas Powys has been awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of voluntary work going back 55 years.

Mr Edward Jenkins (74) began volunteering in the village in 1962 when he helped elderly people attending an old folks club on Wednesday evenings.

His BEM citation in the Queen's Birthday Honours List reads 'For voluntary work in Dinas Powys', but Mr Jenkins also has a long track record of volunteering in the south Wales deaf community too.

News that he was getting the medal came as a complete shock. People who receive the award don't even know they have even been nominated.

He explained: "They write to you a month before to see if you will accept it. When the letter arrived, I cried, and thought: 'Isn't it lovely?'"

He will receive the medal at a ceremony at Cardiff Castle and will also attend an event at Buckingham Palace.

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Edward Jenkins with his wife Jane, who has been a huge support to him in his voluntary work.

Mr Jenkins said he was humbled by the award. "Without the support of my wife Jane, who has shared me with various organisations over the years, I am sure I would not be receiving this accolade."

"In my volunteering, I have often been part of a team."

Mr Jenkins lived in Dinas Powys until the age of five at which point the family moved to

Barry where he later attended grammar school. In his late teens, he returned to Dinas.

His parents Arthur and Gertrude were both deaf and mute and part of a small community of just five people in Barry who were 'sign dependent'.

It was in part due to that experience that he understood the need to help people overcome obstacles in life.

He was a founder of

South Glamorgan Association for the Deaf in 1973, which became Cardiff Deaf Centre in 2013. Mr Jenkins currently serves as the chairman and all the other board members are profoundly deaf.

He is a strong advocate that British Sign Language should be an official language in Wales and that its adoption would improve the quality of life of deaf people.

He said: "The best vehicle to promote the adoption of BSL as an official language in Wales is a political platform."

"It has to start locally, getting local authorities to accept that there are people who are limited and ensure those deficits can be overcome."

"Profoundly deaf people should have access to public services in the same way as you or I."

The city of Cardiff has officially recognised BSL, and Mr Jenkins says if that happened across Wales, it would be a big step in addressing inequalities faced by the deaf community.

OFFICIAL: There are 'no residents' parking permits for Beryl Place'

by GEM REPORTER

A BARRY resident has complained that he has been unable to get a temporary parking permit to use in a town centre street.

Phillip Barree, who lives in Beryl Place, told The GEM: "I went to the Dock Offices to apply for a visitor's parking permit for my father-in-law to 'house sit' for us while we are away."

"I was told by the receptionist that residents in Beryl Place are not eligible for parking permits, as they have driveways."

"Of the six semi-detached properties in Beryl Place, three of us do not have drives, and the other two are not wide enough for modern cars."

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Barree's house and he has a permit to park in Beryl Road, which has enough room.

He wanted his father-in-law to be able to park there too when he came to house-sit.

Mr Barree said that although he had been told by the council that temporary permits were not available, he had seen purple ones recently on cars in Buttrills Road and Greenwood Street.

The Vale Council

informed The GEM that it was developing a 'wider parking strategy' aimed at addressing parking issues.

A spokesman explained: "There is no residents' parking scheme in operation at Beryl Place so residents living there are not entitled to parking permits."

"Some residents of Beryl Place may have previously been issued permits in error, possibly as the location

has been confused with Beryl Road, where a residents' parking scheme is in place.

"The council intends to develop a wider parking strategy in the near future, which could involve increased resident permit parking provision."

"Beryl Place is already on the waiting list for consideration."

"We apologise to any residents issued with parking permits in error and advise that we are developing a database that will prevent errors like this from happening again."

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Hairdressing and beauty is a strong theme in Park Crescent.

One business that has built up a loyal clientele over a 15-year period is 'Cutting It by Sue' based at 116b Park Crescent.

Here, the ladies provide all sorts of hair styling and colouring. The salon caters for ladies, men and children. People can either walk in, or phone up and book a specific appointment.

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Chic Creations makes that extra effort

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Tulip Bridal's afternoon tea.

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Tulip Bridal is Barry's five-star bridal shop. On Facebook Emily

said: "I popped into the shop two weeks ago to have a look at the headwear and veils. The ladies in the shop were so helpful as I'm a fussy bride."

"I found some headwear that I loved but it was too short. The lady offered to get a new one made for me, which was longer, by the person that makes them. I was thrilled. Ordered it on the Saturday and it arrived on the Wednesday after."

"Would recommend this shop to anyone as they are lovely, chatty and very helpful."

To book an appointment and afternoon tea, call 01446 732922. For more information see Tulip Bridal on Facebook.

There's a real tale to 'My Favourite Pet Shop'



THERE'S a real tale – or should that be tail? – to My Favourite Pet Shop and Sleek & Chic on Park Crescent.

The owner Alison Moya began Care 4 Pets 17 years ago, and it offered home boarding, dog walking, home sitting and visiting.

She moved onto the crescent eight years ago, and included dog grooming – Sleek & Chic Grooming Salon, and then My Favourite Pet Shop, which is next door.

Alison has an enthusiastic, holistic approach to people's pets: she sources everything, both on the practical side of pet ownership and the fun

side of it.

She said: "The business has been a story of development and progression. From Care 4 Pets, then starting the grooming, and when people asked us about pet food, we decided to open the pet shop. The three parts of the business tie together."

There are five groomers at Sleek & Chic; clients can call the salon on 01446 744633 for an appointment.

In the pet shop, Alison offers all the basic products, but has added in lots of fun ones like boutique items for small dogs such as special collars and harnesses.

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Three local choirs, Barry Community Choir, Porthkerry Community Choir and Vale People First's Real Lives choirs got everyone singing at the event at the Academy Espresso coffee shop at the Pump House.

Everyone also sang a

new song. The words of Jo Cox's maiden speech in which she said, we have "far more in common with each other than things that divide us" has been set to music by Sue Harris.

Vale AM Jane Hutt, who also attended, said: "It was a wonderful event. There was a real feeling of joy and unity. I am enormously grateful to the wonderful choirs for a wonderful performance and for all the people who came and joined in."

A collection was held at the Barry event that raised £275 for the Grenfell Tower fire disaster and £60 for the Jo Cox Foundation.

'Equality' for miners' widows sought by AM

CARWYN Jones is backing calls for a review of the miners' pension scheme.

The First Minister and Bridgend AM was questioned on the issue at the National Assembly by Cynon Valley AM Vikki Howells, who told him that some miners' widows receive a pension of as little as £10 a week.

She asked if he would write to the UK Government, highlighting the way that reform of the scheme could not only benefit miners but also promote economic equality for miners' widows.

Mr Jones said the Welsh Government is strongly committed to supporting older people and promoting equality between genders.

He told Ms Howells: "That is reflected in the

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the strategy for older people, which supports action to address issues facing both women and men in later life.

"I met representatives from the South Wales National Union of Mineworkers a few weeks ago, and they outlined again the case for a review (of the pension scheme)."

"We will be writing to the newly-elected UK Government, requesting it to consider a review of the scheme."

"As a Government, we have indicated our support for a review of the current arrangements for the surpluses of the mineworkers' pension scheme. I wrote to the trade unions in February to reiterate our support."

Report by Michael Prosser

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, June 25 see Lavernock nature reserve and gun emplacements; meet at the car park by the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park, at 11am.

On Wednesday, June 28 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Romilly Cafe at Cold Knap in Barry. Meet the same day in Cowbridge at 2.30pm by the Physic Garden fountain.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, June 23 at Celtic Way Community Centre Rhosce between 4pm - 5pm.

No appointment necessary.

BARRY SCOUTS & GUIDES

2017 ANNUAL FETE SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2017

THE ANNUAL BARRY SCOUT AND GUIDE FETE ENTERS ITS 64TH YEAR

THE a Môr Scout District and South East Glamorgan Girlguiding are pleased to be holding the 64th Barry Scout and Guide Annual Fete in Romilly Park on Saturday, July 1.

This year's fete celebrates 30 years of Rainbow (girls age 5-7) section of Girlguiding. Our local Scout & Guide Groups are totally self-financing organisations with no government financial support.

It costs over £120,000 per annum to run these local Scouting and Girlguiding groups, all of which has to be raised by our supporters, and the Barry Scout & Guide Annual Fete is an important part of this ongoing task.

The first ever Scout Fete was held at Romilly Park in 1933, when it was called a KYMSPAUMI. The Scout Fetes were resurrected after the second World War, when the groups were desperate to raise funds. In 1985 the Scouts invited their sister movement

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Scouting and Girlguiding have a huge variety of roles and opportunities available. If you are

interested in becoming an adult volunteer either in Girlguiding or in Scouting please contact the Fete Committee on BarryFete@catvog.org who will pass on your details.

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Out & About with The GEM

Gifted is a thoughtful and engaging watch

IT'S rare to see Chris Evans on screen in a non-Marvel role; after all, the man who brings Captain America to life has in the last six years made several films in that role, with only the likes of *Snowpiercer* and *Before We Go*, showcasing the actor's talent away from the role of the First Avenger.

Gifted is his latest film, which sees him star as Frank, a man who is looking after his young niece Mary (Mckenna Grace) following the suicide of her mother.

When Mary starts school she shows abilities that mark her

out to be far more intelligent than any child her age. But Frank is reticent for Mary to be treated any differently, and when his estranged mother Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan) seeks custody of Mary, Frank has to fight to keep her under his wing...

No doubt suffering some blockbuster fatigue, *Gifted* is an opportunity for Chris Evans to stretch his acting muscles; it also acts as something of a palate cleanser for director Marc Webb, last seen being vilified for the mundane *Amazing Spider-Man 2*.

As such it's a low-key film that keeps you watching throughout, without ever really kicking into a higher gear. It ticks some familiar boxes, but the charm of the cast and an emotional story that

connects make this a hugely watchable piece of work.

The highlight of the film isn't Evans, however, but rather his younger co-star Mckenna Grace. It seems you can't move for child prodigies in the acting profession, and Grace is yet another one to add to the list in a performance that is funny, tender and at times painfully raw.

It's mesmerising watching a 10-year-old girl hit the sort of range and notes that Grace manages to do here, veering from the precociousness of a child genius through to the childlike wonder of creating a new chant for her one-eyed cat, but her performance is so genuine that you never feel like you're watching a youngster act; instead Grace's superb turn shines

brightly in the film.

That's not to say that those around her don't pull their weight; it's a pleasure to see Evans in civvies for a few fleeting moments and not having to topline the latest Marvel blockbuster.

It's a character that feels a little predictable in parts, the handsome, mystery guy with a sad back-story, but Evans fills it out with more than just cliché, the relationship with Grace delivered superbly and Evans obviously delights in tackling something a little more satisfying artistically.

Jenny Slate, as the teacher who unwittingly puts the events of the film in motion, is most notably a comedic actress, but here she is strong as Frank's sounding board and part-time love interest. Lindsay Duncan's

Evelyn is another cut from predictable cloth, but again the class of the actress shines through and makes for something a little more interesting and engaging.

It's just a shame that Octavia Spencer is saddled with a nothing role as Frank's neighbour, a waste of the actress' considerable talents.

While the story moves through familiar motions, it does make interesting points about child prodigies and what is best for them – living a normal life in an extraordinary way, or being among gifted individuals and perhaps losing their childhood.

The script doesn't rush to judge either side of the argument, and it makes for interesting discussion post-viewing as to what you would do in the same situation.

Marc Webb gets over his post-Spider-Man blues by delivering something visually understated and driven wholly by performance.

While the music director in him comes out occasionally (there are some gorgeously shot scenes) this is more reminiscent of Webb's work on the incredible (500) *Days of Summer* than his dabbling with the webslinger, rooting the film in character and narrative.

Where the film doesn't quite work is its descent into courtroom drama that plays out with unerring predictability, as does the final 20 minutes which discards the rooted-in-reality element of the film and replaces it with something more melodramatic and less engaging.

While this blots the

copybook a little, there is still plenty to savour in this interesting and appealing piece of work – *Gifted* certainly isn't perfect but in these summer months, it's a pleasing change of pace.

VERDICT: It may sometimes fall on the side of predictable, with characters to match, but the charms of the performances, in particular Chris Evans and the incredible Mckenna Grace, make *Gifted* a worthwhile watch. While it never kicks into top gear, there's enough here to keep you interested from start to (slightly melodramatic) finish. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Good Will Hunting* (1998), (500) *Days of Summer* (2009).



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and teacher Peter
Cronin (see
www.petercronin.org)
who will give a water-

colour demonstration.

Peter is a member of
the Royal Watercolour
Society of Wales and
exhibits widely in
galleries in Swansea,
Cardiff and London.

Penarth artist Becky
Adams (www.beckyadams.co.uk) on
Thursday will run a
workshop creating
small works of collage
on canvas.

The society meets on
Thursday evenings at
the Old Hall,
Cowbridge (7pm - 9
pm) and occasional

visitors and new
members are most
welcome. For details of
the society's programme
and activities see
www.cowbridgeart.society.com
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vegetables and fruit,
challenging terraced
designs and wild areas.

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opening with lovely
displays of vegetable
and fruit.

The village church,
St Peters, is also
opening with displays
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be served, including
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Plant sales are also
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Saturday, July 1;
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appointment necessary.
Porthcawl Farmers' Market
THE next Porthcawl Farmers' Market
meets from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, June 24. The usual range of quality foodstuffs plus a variety of crafts will be available.

It is hoped to have a
new producer at the
market: Lucy's Larder,
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cakes.

Tax advice
If you worry about your tax affairs – if you wonder whether you are paying the correct amount – Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free tax advice session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Monday, June 26 from 9.30am – 11.30am.

No appointment
needed, just come along
and talk to the retired
professional tax adviser.
Home visits can be
arranged on 01446 732385.

Hearing advice
DO you have trouble with both your sight and hearing? If your sight and hearing have started to deteriorate or you recognise this in a loved one, then don't be afraid to talk about it.

With Deaf/Blind Awareness Week, Deaf/Blind Cymru are holding a session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June

27 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat on what support is available including outreach service, volunteer befriending and social groups in local area.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Energy advice
If you want help with your energy bills – and impartial advice on cutting them – find out if you are eligible for a home improvement grant through the Welsh Government NEST programme.

Age Connects are holding a surgery at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, Barry on Tuesday, June 27 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Open day at the library
THE Rhoose Community Library is holding an open day on Saturday, July 1 from 11am till 3pm.

Book signing by Anthony Lavisher and many stalls including craft/flower demo stall, jewellery, book stall, plants, raffle, tombola, drop-in craft for kids, activities from Porthkerry Park ranger and much more.

Summer concert for Cardiff Bach Choir

A SUMMER concert by the Cardiff Bach Choir in aid of Tros Gynnal Plant will take place on Saturday, July 1, at 7pm in St Augustine's Church in Penarth.

Musical director Luke Spencer will present a varied selection entitled 'Music for a summer's evening' featuring old favourites and including music by Bach and John Rutter.

The choir will be joined Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan High Schools Brass Band and young soloists Manon Morris Parry and Llinos Jones, both from Penarth.

Last year's charity concert was very

popular, so book your tickets soon. They cost £15 to include a glass of wine or juice, and all money raised will go directly to help vulnerable children, young people and their families in this area and across Wales.

Karen Jones from Tros Gynnal Plant said: "We are grateful to the Cardiff Bach Choir for choosing to support us this year and helping us to raise our profile in Penarth. "We hope that everyone will come along and enjoy a wonderful evening."

Tickets are available from www.cardiffbachchoir.org.uk; www.ticketsource.co.uk/tros-gynnal-plant or from Karen Jones at Tros Gynnal Plant on 07883 858749.

Peterston Flower Show

THIS is a hugely popular village show held in the church and community hall in Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, June 24.

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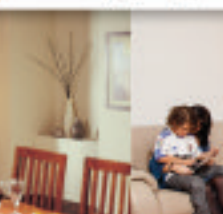
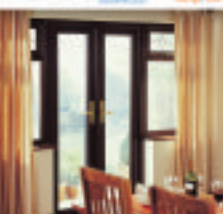


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Designer Becky from Sigma 3.

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*See Sigma 3 advert on page 18.



The chair of Vale for Africa Gareth Kiddie, Vale AM Jane Hutt, Julie Morgan AM, Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Morfudd Meredith and GP Dr Has Shah.

Vale for Africa pays heartfelt tribute to Rhodri Morgan

THE former First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, was remembered with a minute's silence at the latest fundraising event held by Vale For Africa, a Vale-based charity that works to improve health and education in the Tororo district of Uganda.

Local GP Dr Has Shah said that Rhodri had been a stalwart supporter of Vale for Africa and

would be very much missed.

Rhodri Morgan launched the Wales for Africa programme in 2006. Flowers were presented to Julie Morgan AM, who attended the event.

Projects run by Vale for Africa include an eyecare programme, a motorcycle ambulance scheme, a library scheme and a scholarship programme that enables a student from Tororo to study at Atlantic College in St Donats in the Vale.

Vale AM Jane Hutt, who is a

member of Vale for Africa, said:

"Wales and Rhodri have always been 'outward looking'. Vale for Africa is part of the wonderful Wales for Africa programme Rhodri established."

"We are delighted that our latest scholarship student recently won a grant to tackle the issue of teenage pregnancy back in Tororo in Uganda where she will work among her peers. It is wonderful she wants to make a difference in her own community."

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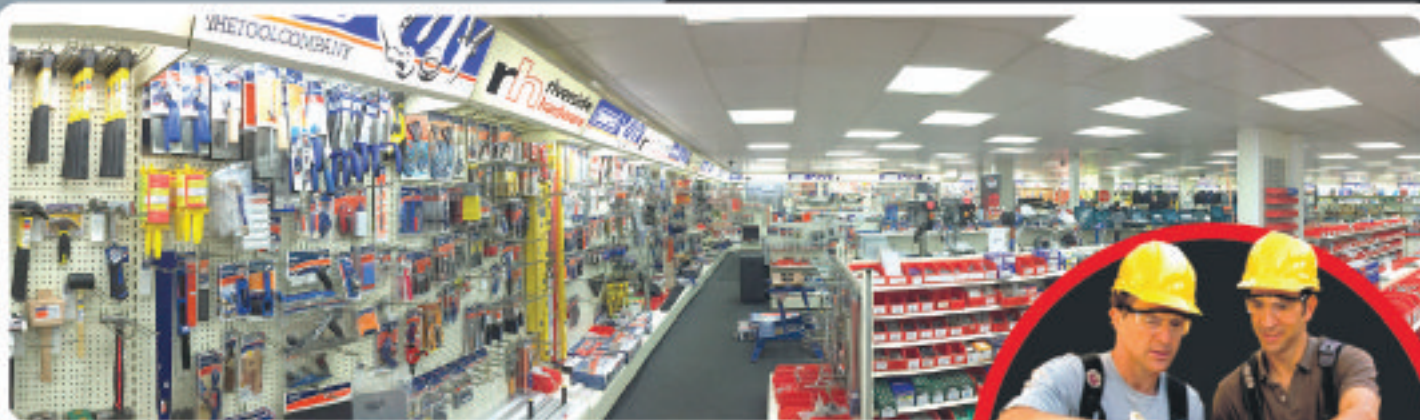
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National Trust visit

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers is planning a four-day spring holiday next year, staying at The Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells from April 20-23 on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

A visit to Powis Castle, excursion to Aberystwyth and a trip on the Vale of Rheidol Railway are included, with shared room prices from £289 per person.

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Cadets see preview of Trooping the Colour

THE Barry Air Cadets recently travelled to London to see the full dress rehearsal [The Colonel's Review] of Trooping the Colour.

For information on 372 (Barry) Squadron, see 0372@aircadets.org or call 07941 612695.

SPANISH STEPS FOR RESTAURANT STAFF

THE Bar 44 Tapas y Copas Group has surprised staff members across its restaurants by taking them on holiday to northern Spain.

The 'Bar 44 Road trip' will see owners Owen and Tom Morgan take eight of their highest performing employees to the Galicia region, starting in the city of La Coruna, which is famed for its exceptional wine and world class seafood. They will attend a tour of the Estrella Galicia brewery, dine at

Michelin starred restaurant Alborada and sail the Galician coast.

Owen Morgan said: "We are now nearly 15 years down the road and things have changed a lot in that time. The one thing that won't change is the quest to improve ourselves and to improve the company. We are delighted to be in a position to take staff away and share an experience like this with us and show them why we love everything about Spain."

The latest road trip is part of a tradition of organising secret

trips for top-performing staff.

Last year employees were taken on expeditions to a range of Spanish locations including Jerez de la Frontera, also known as the 'Sherry Triangle', to spend time with sherry producers learning all about how the authentic produce found at Bar 44 is harvested.

Mr Morgan said: "We love to reward the high performance of our workers with a well-earned break, but also these trips enrich their passion and knowledge for the work they do."

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CROWDS FLOCK TO GOLDSLAND FARM FOR OPEN FARMS SUNDAY IN THE VALE

**PHOTOGRAPHS
by MIKE WILCOCK**

OPEN Farms Sunday is now a hugely popular event in the Vale, and Abi Reader organised one in Wenvoe.

She said: "This is a national event with 358 farms taking part this year to showcase the diversity and importance of British farming."

"Goldsland Farm should be relatively experienced now and yet we were blown away by the level of interest all our visitors had for learning about our farm and our animals."

"Whilst we hosted under the banner of Goldsland Farm, in fact there were over 30 farmers, young farmers and rural friends who joined us for the day under the banner of British Food and Farming and helped make the day run smoothly, be it running shows, driving tractors, shearing, or cooking..."



'My wife could lose £33,000!'

THE GEM followed the WASPI campaign in the months leading up to the general election.

WASPI stands for 'Women Against State Pension Inequality' and the campaign is fighting for fair transitional pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s, affected by changes to the state pension law.

Mr Malcolm Wilson from Barry got in touch with The GEM to illustrate just how disadvantaged some women have been.

He explained: "Regarding the article on the Waspi Network in The GEM, my wife was born in 1955 and despite paying national insurance all her working life, faces losing approximately £33,000, due to her pension being

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withheld. "It is worth remembering that the state pension is not a benefit but a right."

"This right is being denied to a large group of people for simply being born female."

"Shortly after finding out (though never officially notified) that her pension date had been moved from 60 to 65, the powers that be had the audacity to move it again to 66! This is tantamount to theft."

A WASPI spokeswoman said the campaign was grateful to candidates who had pledged support during the general election, and added: "We are fighting for fairness and justice for all women and want recognition of and compensation for the

mismanagement of the changes to the state pension age by successive governments."

"We will now continue our campaign with renewed vigour with the hope that the new government will consider our request."

A WASPI Vale Network was established last month. For women interested in the campaign, the website is: www.waspi.co.uk.

Dinas Powys village show

THE Dinas Powys village show takes place on Saturday, September 2.

The final schedule for the above has now been printed and is available from the following outlets: Dinas Powys Council Office, Britway Road; DP library, Fair Oaks; TH Jones Chemist, Cardiff Road; Brynawel Fuchsia and Garden Centre, Sully Road; Penarth library; Valley View Fruit Stores, Castle Drive; Nisa store, Cardiff Road; the Wild Blackberry Delicatessen, Elmgrove Road; White Gecko Craft Lounge, Camms Corner.

'DON'T BE A LITTER BUG!'

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' next litter pick will be on Sunday, June 25 at Watchtower Bay, Barry, (Old Harbour/Knap).

Volunteers should meet near the tower at 3pm.

A spokesperson said: "Litter pickers and bags are provided, but would volunteers please wear suitable clothing and footwear and use

sunscreen.

"Children are always welcome, but we ask that they be accompanied by an adult."

"We would like to send out a plea to everyone enjoying this lovely, sunny weather: please enjoy yourself, but take your rubbish home or find a bin."

"There has been a disturbing amount of rubbish left on the beaches in the last week and we collected many disposable barbecues over the bank holiday weekend."

"Let's all appreciate this beautiful town we live in and keep it clean for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming volunteers, old and new to help keep Barry's beaches clean."

Councillors turn down plans for Aldi

AN application for an Aldi store on the Ty Verlon Estate was turned down by Vale's planning committee last week.

The matter had been deferred at a previous meeting for a site visit to take place.

The application was recommended for refusal by officers because it might involve the loss of an employment site and could adversely affect other local retail concerns.

After Aldi decision is made... 'HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS - OR DOES IT?'

IN your last issue you reported that four people had objected to the proposed Aldi store, and 90 people had written in favour.

Might I suggest that this probably represents the ratio of residents in favour and those against? Amazing, then, that this proposal has once again been refused.

I could suggest Aldi appeal to a higher authority, but this only seems

Mr Rob Jones, the regional property director of Aldi, told councillors the company disagreed with the grounds for refusal, believing more shoppers would be encouraged to stay in the town, and pointing out that a new store would create 40 new jobs.

However, councillors voted to refuse the application. Members of the public can go to the Vale Council website if they want to see details of planning applications.

to work when the overwhelming majority actually object to a proposal.

Examples are the church development in Windsor Road, approved with no adequate parking, surely a mistake, and the proposed incinerator, approved with terrific opposition.

Apparently we live in a democracy. You would never guess it with this sort of decision making.
John Deavall, Barry.

Summer starts in Penarth

TAKE TIME TO GET TO KNOW PENARTH... YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

JUST say the word 'Penarth' in south Wales and you can be confident that it will conjure up images of an elegant, chic town, far enough away from the hustle and bustle of Cardiff to be a haven of calm.

What's more, with the Wales Coastal Path running right through it, and with areas such as Cosmeston Park on its doorstep, in no time at all you can be right out in the countryside.

In times gone by, wealthy Cardiff merchants built their mansions on the hill – each with breathtaking views out over the Bristol Channel, and that view is just as good today.

The town was promoted as 'The Garden by the Sea' – with visitors coming from as far afield as the Midlands – and that is still just as true. A relaxed meander through Penarth's parks can take you away from the cares of the day.

However, it would be very wrong to get the impression that Penarth is a touch 'sleepy'.

Here's how Penarth Town Council describes it: "It is a bustling, vibrant town with independent shops, businesses, restaurants, cafes as well as an award-

winning Victorian Pier and Pavilion, historic St Augustine's Church, a site as old as 1242, and more recently the location of a discovery of a new species of dinosaur!"

Just wander around Penarth and it is easy to confirm this. (Well, apart from the dinosaur, obviously!)

You are spoilt for choice with cafes, many independently run, and the same is true for restaurants, fashion boutiques and the full range of shops.

Cath Harris runs the hair salon, Cut & Styled, which is in the centre of town.

She said: "We all feel so comfortable here in Penarth. We have a great clientele and it's a pleasure to come to work here. "After all, I've been in this salon for 35 years!"

The salon has a range of stylists that means they can cover all the styling and colouring requirements of young and older customers.

Cath added: "I just love arriving in Penarth and driving along the seafront. I can't think of a better place to work."

The afore-mentioned pier and pavilion are still a real jewel in the crown of Penarth.

Heritage Lottery funding brought it well and truly back to its former glory,

and its history is fascinating too – all laid out in a series of murals inside the building.

In fact, the pier has become a staple for TV and film crews looking for a great location.

In recent years, *Torchwood* has filmed there, and recently Channel 4 filmed scenes from its scary psycho-drama, *Born to Kill* there.

The town has its own special event, too, the Penarth Downhill Derby, and it is just around the corner!

Spectators can head for the Esplanade on Saturday, July 8 to see Penarth's karts take to Cliff Hill for the race of their lives.

There'll be stalls, classic cars, food and drink and a chance to see some of the weird and wonderful vehicles made across Wales before their journey down the hill.

The event was featured on TV quite recently, in the *Glamorgan Coastal Lives* BBC Wales TV series. You can also check out footage of last year's event. Just type in 'Downhill Derby, Penarth' to watch it on YouTube.

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Get your hair cut at Just 4 Gents

JUST 4 Gents barbershop, a family-run enterprise, is successfully entering its ninth year of business.

Owners Alex and Caroline, and their staff, are state registered barbers at an advanced level certified by the British Barbers' Association.

Just 4 Gents takes pride in its work specialising in scissor cutting, fades and all other aspects of men's barbering using a wide range of techniques and the finest products.

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Luxury service at Groom for Men.

IT was just six years ago that Groom for Men backed their judgement and opened their first shop.

That first shop was established in Cardiff in 2011 because they believed that gents just weren't getting the quality and standard of service they wanted or deserved.

Penarth manager Dave told The GEM: "Groom For Men quickly became the place to go and relax – knowing you were getting the best barbers

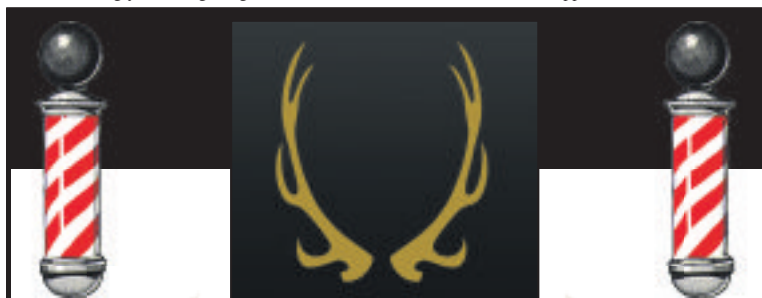
and service available.

"So, in 2014 Groom for Men expanded into Penarth and it has been a massive hit, with more than just the locals calling in.

"People travel from all over Cardiff and the Vale to have their hair cut in a comfortable, relaxed environment with free refreshments and friendly knowledgeable staff.

"If you aren't happy with the service or quality you are currently receiving, give us a try.

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Gorgeous Penarth has plenty to offer

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It's interesting to look at things that have developed in the area which have added to the vibrancy of Penarth.

Certainly, the marina came along and gave the town a whole new aspect, and even more significant, I think, was the Cardiff Barrage.

What the creation of the barrage did was fix Penarth firmly on the walking/cycling trail.

Although I live in Porthcawl (not a bad place to walk) one of my favourite outings is to meet family and friends in Cardiff Bay and then head off across the barrage to Penarth.

Find a cafe or pub when you get there, do some shopping and head back – and it is noticeable how many people do the same thing – not to mention cyclists who are perhaps heading further afield.

Penarth is also so well catered for in sport and leisure. The Cogan Leisure Centre has been there some time now, but the town's closeness to the

International Sports Village is a real bonus.

Certainly, it is just a short walk from the marina to the white water rafting centre, and that in itself, is an excellent place to stop off on a walk.

Penarth has not stood still in recent years. It may have a proud history, and it retains the best of that, but it has so much more as well!

PHILIP IRWIN

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Top award for estate agents

WATTS & Morgan have just won The British Property Awards for Penarth.

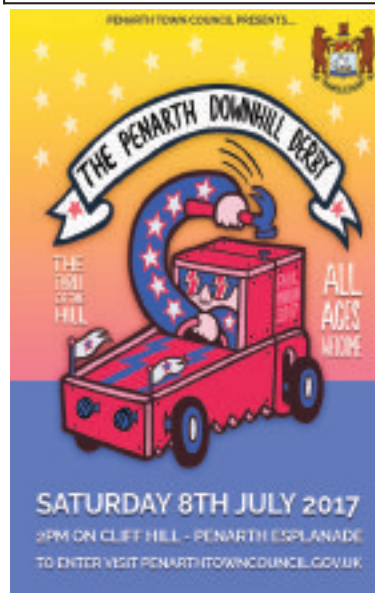
Their team performed outstandingly throughout the extensive judging period, which focused on customer service levels.

Watts & Morgan have now been shortlisted for a number of national awards which will be announced later in the year at a lavish ceremony in central

London.

The British Property Awards provide agents throughout the UK with an invaluable opportunity to compare the service that they provide against the service provided by their, local, regional and national competition.

Agents who go that extra mile and provide outstanding levels of customer service are rewarded with the accolade, which acts as a beacon to highlight these attributes to their local marketplace.



PHEW! WHAT A SCORCHER!

WE'RE definitely not complaining here in Penarth with its lovely leafy parks and sea-breezed pier.

In weather like this, we all need some style and airy comfort between our feet and the warm pavements and (if we're lucky), the hopping-hot sand.

Our new sandal collections for toddlers, kids, women and men will keep feet cool and breathing while looking great – whether you're the sun-kissed skin type or a true-Brit sock-liner.

Check out the contoured sole Birkenstocks, the water-friendly Salt-Water sandals, the floral patterned Joules flip-flops and the walk-for-miles Wolkys.

Be smart, stay cool – dip a toe in Ogam Igam!



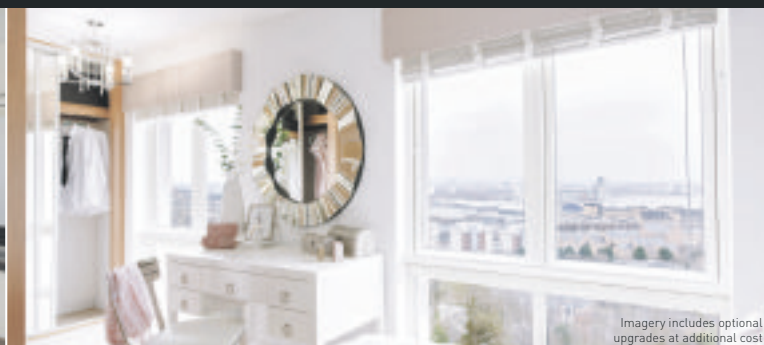


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Trio of crime writers at Penarth's Lit Festival



Writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes will be appearing at Penarth Literature Festival in July.

A VARIETY of fiction events will be on the agenda at this year's Penarth Literature Festival, to be held July 7-10.

On the evening of July 7, authors Clare Donoghue, JM Gulvin and Jan Newton will be discussing the importance of place in crime fiction, with settings for their thrillers ranging from New Orleans to North Somerset, via mid-Wales.

Then at 2pm on Saturday, July 8 the popular romantic novelist Veronica Henry, author of the bestseller *How to Find Love in a Bookshop* will be discussing her latest book *The Forever House* with bookshop owner Mel Griffin.

Sunday afternoon's programme features Barry-based publishing executive Miranda

Emmerson who, in a change from promoting other people's work, will be talking about her own debut novel. *Miss Treadway and the Field of Stars* is a charming vintage mystery set in London's theatreland.

Finally at 2pm on Monday, July 10, the writer, broadcaster and classicist Natalie Haynes, well known to Radio 4 listeners, will be discussing her novel *The Children of Jocasta*, a retelling of the Oedipus myth from the perspective of its often overlooked female characters.

To book tickets for these and all other Penarth Literature Festival events, including non-fiction and children's events, go to www.griffinbooks.co.uk, or contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455.

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Rhoose WI members board the SS Great Britain

SPRING and early summer have been an enjoyable mix of business and pleasure for Rhoose WI.

The season began with the annual spring fair and coffee morning in early May. This was very successful, with visitors enjoying the various stalls, including craft, plants, cakes and tombola.

The following week a group of members attended the annual meeting of the Glamorgan Federation of WIs at Port Talbot.

The speaker was the first British astronaut Dr Helen Sharman, who gave an enthralling account of her career, from being a chemist at the Mars sweet company to becoming an astronaut who made a journey to the space station, where she spent a week.

A few days later, Rhoose WI held its own annual meeting which was overseen by WI adviser, Pam Dinam.

In their reports the president, secretary and treasurer outlined another successful year full of a variety of events and activities.

President Jenny Reed thanked the committee members individually for all their hard work over the year and Ms Dinam congratulated the WI on its vibrancy and for its commitment to all the extra-curricular clubs and events.

The committee was re-elected unanimously and all officers remain in post. Light relief followed at the June meeting when members took part in a pastime which many had not played for many years - a Beetle Drive!

Everyone enjoyed the game, which provided opportunities to mix and chat as the winners of

each round moved from table to table.

The latest event in this summer season was the educational trip, when a visit was paid to the SS Great Britain at Bristol. The weather was glorious, enabling everyone to enjoy the waterside views of Bristol Docks as they waited to board the ship.

The guided tour provided insight into life aboard the ship during its heyday as a passenger ship to Australia, demonstrated by the beautifully restored accommodation from first class to steerage.

It was fascinating to compare the lives of the privileged travellers with the overcrowded communal accommodation of the steerage passengers.

It was also interesting to learn of the many roles of this beautiful vessel, from its launch as the biggest, fastest passenger ship in 1843, to its return to Bristol from the Falkland Islands in the 1970s; having also sailed as a troop ship to the Crimea and as a cargo ship in the intervening years.

After refreshment at the quayside cafe, the WI members repaired to Cribbs Causeway for shopping before the journey home.

Members are now looking forward to the rest of the summer programme, the next part of which will be the July meeting on the 6th, when members will be able to watch a demonstration of Belly Dancing and also participate if they wish!

The meeting will be at 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road and new members and visitors will be most welcome to attend.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cancer Research UK

PENARTH fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK are going to have a very busy day on Saturday, July 1.

They are holding a summer fair at the Paget Rooms starting at 10.15am. There will be cakes, plants, jams and chutneys, cards and a lucky dip parcel stall. Entry £1 includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

In the evening at the Penarth Conservative Club there will be a quiz. The first question will be at 7.30pm. Teams can consist of up to six people and the cost will be £5 per head which includes nibbles.

There will also be a raffle and a 'Clock in a Box' fundraiser. To register a team call 020 531933 or email CRUKPenarth@outlook.com

We hope you can come along to support our events and help raise funds for vital research to beat cancer.

LIFT group

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer. We meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.



GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017 – Y GORAU ETO!



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Daeth dros 6,500 o ymwelwyr i fwynhau'r ŵyl rhad ac am ddim yma ar Ynys y Barri ddydd Sadwrn – cynnydd o dros 100% i'w gymharu â llynedd (3,000).

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Roedd y line-up yn cynnwys rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sin gerddoriaeth Gymraeg – Bryn Fôn a'r Band, Candelas, HMS Morris, Eady Crawford, Band Nantgarw a Band Jazz Rhys Taylor. Camodd gannoedd o ddisgyblion o ysgolion Cymraeg y Sir hefyd i'r llwyfan i berfformio yn ystod y prynhawn.

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GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017 – THE BEST YET!



MENTER Bro Morgannwg are very pleased to announce that the festival has grown substantially and attracted many more visitors once again to this year's event.

Over 6,500 people attended this free and inclusive festival which was held on Barry Island on Saturday – an increase of more than 100% compared to last year (3,000).

Gŵyl Fach y Fro included musical performances, dance and theatre, craft stalls selling local Welsh produce, Tomos & Lilford bar, food stalls, street entertainers, and a variety of arts and craft, circus and sports workshops. For the first time this year the event included a Bwrlwm Play Area, to celebrate the launch of our new open access play provision for primary aged children which will run during the summer holidays, and activities in this area included bubble bikes, disco bikes and creative workshops with Green City Events.

The line-up included some of the biggest names in the Welsh music scene – Bryn Fôn a'r Band, Candelas, HMS Morris, Eady Crawford, Band Nantgarw and Band Jazz Rhys Taylor – all of which were performing on Barry Island for the first time. Hundreds of local school children also took to the stage to perform throughout the afternoon.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, said: "It was fantastic to see so many residents, and visitors, enjoying Gŵyl Fach Y Fro over the weekend. With the location, fantastic weather, the



various stalls selling local Welsh produce and gifts, and Welsh-language activities, it provided a great example of what the Vale of Glamorgan has to offer."

Meanwhile, Rob Thomas, Managing Director of the Council, said: "The Council is very pleased to be working in partnership with Menter Bro Morgannwg to deliver such a successful event and it is particularly pleasing to see the event going from strength to strength."

We are in the process of evaluating this year's event, and have created an online survey to collect feedback from those that attended. The online survey can be found on Menter's website: www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru



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Awards presented at Llantwit Major Tennis Club AGM



Michael Sherratt (on the right).



Neil Davies.

THERE was a great turn out for the Llantwit Major Tennis Club AGM on Friday.

Over the last year since the club reopened we have made great progress.

Thanks to Llantwit Major Council and club volunteers, there are now four courts up and running which have been

brushed and relined. Membership has grown to 67 and we hope with the start of Wimbledon we can get even more members.

There is a comprehensive coaching programme in place from Vale Tennis Academy and the club regularly takes part in South Wales League doubles matches, gaining promotion in the winter mixed league this

year. There is currently an opportunity to renew club fees at 2016 rates which closes on July 1.

Prizes were awarded at the AGM. Winner of player of the year was Neil Davies and winner of most improved player was Michael Sherratt.

To celebrate Wimbledon, our courts will be open every evening from 5.30pm-7.30pm during the two weeks of the Wimbledon tournament – everyone is welcome.

For more information about the club go to www.llantwitennis.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

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Caoimhe is on target!



Caoimhe Broomfield.

C A O I M H E BROOMFIELD, a year-7 student at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, recently won archery gold in the Welsh Field and Open Championships which took place at Fonmon, beating her previous winning score last year by two points.

Caoimhe has also taken a gold in the Welsh and Open Indoor Championships in her age group and category for the last two years, and a gold in the International Field Archery Association World Postal Indoors. Caoimhe currently holds three Welsh records for field, hunter and marked animal rounds.

Well done Caoimhe, the school is very proud of your achievements. AS

LATEST NEWS FROM MILLWOOD BOWLS CLUB

ON Wednesday, Millwood visited Penarth Windsor for a Munro Cup fixture and on a very pleasant sunny bowling evening against a strong home side, the team acquitted themselves well.

After a slow start, at five ends played Millwood found themselves trailing 22 shots to 7 and after 10 ends the differential had not narrowed at all.

Over the final eight ends the rinks skipped by Peter Taylor and Brian Crockford were unable to reduce their deficits, while the rinks led by Keith Davies and Nick Parry gradually overhauled their opponents to gain narrow wins, 15-13 and 20-17 respectively, so well done to both rinks.

Windsor won overall by 69 shots to 51 shots, taking 10 points to Millwood's four.

Saturday saw a return to league action for the club with the visit of Treharris/Trelewis for a Division 4 game.

Under sunny skies Millwood got off to a flying start and were soon ahead on three of

the four rinks, with the Gary Williams-skipped rink having difficulty getting in front of the opposition.

This was thanks, in no small part, to the opposing skip playing very well and keeping his rink on all match to record the only winning rink for the visitors.

Peter Taylor, after his difficulties midweek, returned to form, leading his rink to a comfortable 20-12 victory.

Brian Crockford and his rink, after a tight struggle in the middle ends of the game, came good over the last five ends, winning finally, 26-20.

Keith Davies and his rink got off to a flyer and after 15 ends were running away with the game, 25-8, but as we all know, it's never over until the fat lady sings

and full credit goes to their opponents, who nearly pulled off a memorable victory, with Keith and his team eventually winning 25-23.

Overall, Millwood won by 82 shots to 75, taking 12 points to two points as a result. Well done to all concerned.

Meanwhile, Millwood A travelled to Rhiwbina for a friendly against a side who we normally would not play and on a green which rolled a lot faster than the team would normally encounter.

The result was not important as everyone enjoyed themselves and many thanks must go to Rhiwbina for the invitation and their hospitality.

BH

NEWS FROM BARRY RFC

THE lottery numbers for last week were 12, 15, 21 and 24, which again was not won – the prize for next week will be £5,175.

The report and pictures of the recent club presentation evening will be published next week.

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Looking back on a celebration of Welsh talent – when the Urdd came to Pencoed



THE Urdd Eisteddfod made a great impression when it came to Pencoed earlier this month.

It's an event that is bursting with colour, music, dance and variety, and as such it is perfect for photo opportunities, as these images by Glyn Evans prove only too clearly.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

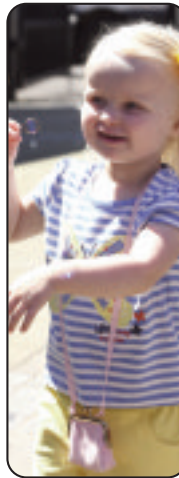
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Sunshine helps Maesteg Hospital Fete go with a yeeha!



MAESTEG Hospital League of Friends held its 55th annual fete on Saturday, June 17, in the Maesteg Market area with help from Maesteg Town Council.

The event was part of the Gwyl

Maesteg Festival and this year's theme was the Wild West.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "All the hospital staff are immensely proud and grateful to the League for all its years of dedicated support and the truly supreme effort it puts in to helping the hospital."

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SOUTH WALES CLASSIC CAR MEET SUPPORTS STROKE ASSOCIATION



A rare Ford Corsair convertible and a young man in a T-shirt of matching yellow.

Photographs by Phil Davies, www.scenicgallery.shop.



ON June 18, more than 60 classic cars were brought together to provide a feast of nostalgia at Celtic Rugby Club in Maesteg.

Tom Jenkins (16) was responsible for organising the first-ever South Wales Classic Car meet at rugby club, and what a success it was.

Tom, who follows in the family tradition of car mechanics, was

delighted to see so many classic vehicles and vintage tractors together.

Exhibitors travelled from across the UK including as far afield as Ireland and the north of England and the trophies were supplied by Gar Coles.

The Stroke Association of Wales was supported by the event.

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Vicky and Vicki's 'Big Chop' for the Little Princess Trust

TWO local ladies had their hair cut to raise funds for The Little Princess Trust.

Vicky Page and Vicki Lewis, who both work at Well Pharmacy, Llantwit Major, have been growing their hair for three years in preparation for 'the big chop'.

The Little Princess Trust is a children's cancer charity and its mission is to supply real hair wigs to children suffering with cancer, for the duration of their treatment. However, in addition it helps children with other conditions which also result in hair loss, the most common being alopecia.

The cut took place on Saturday, June 17 at the popular Coast hair salon in St Brides Major. The salon kindly donated Antonia and Kinga's time to Vicky and Vicki to help them donate their hair. Both ladies believe The Little Princess Trust is a wonderful charity which they are proud to support.

The ladies' hair, which after cutting measured 13 inches, will go towards making



Photos by Andy Wicks.

RIGHT: Success for Vicky and Vicki – their fundraising raised almost £1,000, enough for The Little Princess Trust to fund two wigs.

a child's wig, which can cost on average £500 to make.

So far, they have raised just short of £1,000, enough to make two wigs. They have raised funds through generous donations on their Just Giving page and in work.

Vicky and Vicki said a huge 'thank you' from the bottom of their hearts for the enormous

generosity shown by family, friends, patients and strangers, whose kind donations will make a massive difference to children's lives.

Donations can still be made via the Well Pharmacy, Llantwit Major, and the JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vicx2.

Aimie Wheatley



'Businesses should promote Welsh speaking' – says AM

SUZY Davies has asked the Welsh Government how keen businesses appear to be to help promote the speaking of Welsh.

The South Wales West AM said at the National Assembly that Lifelong Learning Minister, Alun Davies, had previously acknowledged the role businesses can play in promoting the language.

She said: "We often speak positively in this chamber of collaboration between businesses, schools and colleges in influencing and facilitating the way

that the curriculum is delivered in an engaging way."

She asked Mr Davies if he senses that lately businesses are keener to work with Welsh-medium schools because of the Government's target of achieving one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Or, Ms Davies asked, are collaborations between businesses, schools and colleges still a local decision, with the Welsh language perhaps sometimes a consideration that's not on their agenda.

Mr Davies said he sees a great deal of

goodwill towards Welsh from all parts of the community, including business.

He told Ms Davies: "What I hope we can do, through the publication of the strategy to achieve a million speakers by 2050, is to ensure that collaboration is made real, encouraged and provided with support, and enables people to work together."

"I think that is what people want to do to achieve the vision we all share for the future of the language."

Michael Prosser

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Spirit of Llynfi celebrations

THE newly-formed Llynfi Woodland group are pleased to invite residents of the valley to a celebration event at the woodland on Saturday, July 15 between 1pm and 4 pm.

The event, in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales and local partners, will include various activities such as wildlife walks, willow weaving and a green gym as well as placing a time capsule to look to the future as well as celebrate the past and present of the valley. Local community groups, schools and organisations are welcome to contribute to the contents of the capsule.

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Porthcawl welcomes a Napoleonic-era regiment



A soldier of the Napoleonic era (left) with Ceri Joseph of Porthcawl Museum.

TO mark the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo the 41st Regiment of Foot Society visited the Porthcawl Museum on Saturday, June 17, and proved to be a very popular attraction, resulting in record visitor numbers.

Also on display at the museum was an original Waterloo campaign medal.

Formed at the end of June 2002 in south Wales by a group of experienced Napoleonic re-enactors, the 41st Regt Foot aim to portray this fine regiment as they would have been during the early 19th century and the War of 1812.

During this period, the 41st Foot was based in Canada and took part in many of the key battles of the war.

Working alongside the Regimental museum in Cardiff Castle and with

help from an established group of re-enactors based in Canada, this society aims to highlight, to the public at large, what life was like for the British soldier during this often overlooked conflict.

The 41st boasts a full living history campsite, and works together with other re-enactment societies to present battle re-enactments and drill displays for the public.

This can be anything from a small skirmish up to a full-scale battle involving artillery barrages and cavalry charges.

As with all societies, they are always looking for new recruits who wish to take the Kings Shilling; they welcome all members of the family and anyone can take part in this exciting and unusual pastime.

The museum looks forward to inviting them back very soon.

Photographs by David Swidenbank (www.thedogphotographywales.com)



Music and flowers feature in festival



The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Lorrie Desmond-Williams and Erica Beynon.

COUN Lorrie Desmond-Williams the Mayor of Porthcawl, attended the Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival on Saturday, June 17, in All Saints' Church..

This year's theme was Broadway and West End musicals were depicted in flowers.

Coun Desmond-Williams said: "Once again, this year's event was very popular.

Musicals such as *Carousel*, *War Horse*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *White Christmas* and many more were beautifully depicted in flowers.

"I would like to thank the patrons of the Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival for their support.

"My grateful thanks to Erica Beynon and the organising committee for all their hours of hard work and for helping to make this event such a wonderful success."

Local Rotary Clubs take the 'Kids Out' to Gower

THE Rotary Clubs of Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl took 130 nine-to-11 year olds in three coaches to the Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, on Wednesday, June 14 for the annual Rotary Kids Out Day.

It is celebrated on the second Wednesday in June by Rotary Clubs throughout the UK and Ireland. Each child received a Rotary Kids Out t-shirt, cap and pen.

The Gower Heritage Centre provided a varied programme, including a film show in its 22-seat cinema, pottery making, a coracle display, a tour of the farm equipment and animals, concluding with the traditional duck race with medals and prizes for the four winners.

The Rotary Clubs of Bridgend, Maesteg and Porthcawl are grateful to the staff at the Gower Heritage Centre, Parkmill, also to Express Coaches for their continued support of the event.

If you wish to find more about Rotary or are interested in joining, contact www.rotary.org or www.rotarybridgend.org.uk or the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend on 01656 652181. NS



Eyes down for the duck race!

A breath of fresh air?

HOW Irranca-Davies AM celebrated National Clean Air Day by taking a ride in one of Autogas' new LPG-powered taxis which aims to 'improve the quality of air' in Wales by cleaning up the nation's diesel taxi cabs.



A spokesperson said: "It is one of several technological solutions which could help decarbonise the emissions from vehicles, especially in cities and built-up areas."

Global Action Plan and Calor, a joint partner in Autogas Ltd, have come together to determine the views of the UK's taxi drivers on the air pollution 'challenge'.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "LPG is a quick and cost effective option for taking older diesel taxis off the road, and local authorities and Welsh Government should consider its potential in helping deal with vehicle emissions."

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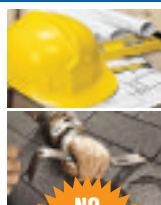
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Glyn will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 27th June, service and cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease CJD (cheques made payable to The University of Edinburgh) c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

DUNGEY
John

Sadly after a long illness fought with great courage and dignity, John, aged 50 years. Beloved husband of Emma, much loved dad of Lucy, Amy and Lewis. *John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church on Monday, 26th June 2017 at 11.30am, followed by private family only committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if so desired would be gratefully appreciated for The RNLI or Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

GRANELLI
Cheryl Anne
(Née Morgan)

Cher passed away suddenly but peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Jason, devoted mum to Victoria and Kayleigh. Loving daughter of Margaret and the late Richard. Much loved mother-in-law, sister, auntie and friend.

Funeral service at Boverton Cemetery on Thursday, 29 June at 1pm. Flowers may be sent to J.R. & M.F. David, Ewenney Road, St Brides Major. By request no red and white mixed flowers.

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Janice Loraine

Peacefully on 10th June 2017, at Holme Towers, Janice of Danes Court, Cardiff. Beloved wife of Alan, mum of Mark and Paul, mother-in-law of Susan and Melanie and grandmother to Austen, Samuel, Gemma and Adam.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral service to be held at 1.15pm on Tuesday, 27th June at Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Marie Curie c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel (01443 223368)

FIELD
Clive (Arthur)

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Arthur will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.

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SHOWELL
Yvonne Kaye

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HANMER
Ruth Louisa (Née Lyons)

Peacefully at Y Bwthyn Newydd, on Thursday, June 15th, Ruth of Bodringallt Farm, Coychurch. Beloved wife of Idris John, caring mother of Idris and Meryl and loving daughter of Esme and the late Tom Lyons.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Friday, June 30th, service at St Mary's RC Church, Bridgend at 1pm, followed by interment at Coychurch Parish Churchyard. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired for Epilepsy Action c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN (Tel 01443 223368).

LUEN
Dorothy Ann

Peacefully on 17 June at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, Dorothy Luen, aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Peter. Dearly loved mother of Erica and Ann. Cherished grandmother of Joe, Heidi, April, Sophie and Mark. Great grandmother of Josh, Morgan, Ruby and Rosie.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Dorothy is in the care of Park Funerals, Ty Newydd Road, Barry. Funeral service on Thursday, 29 June at 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. No flowers please. Donations may be handed to funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie. Please wear traditional dress with a splash of colour.

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PARRY
Violet Eveline

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended her recent funeral, and also those who could not attend but sent such messages of heartfelt sympathy. Also to the Reverend Moira Spence, who so kindly stepped in to offer comfort and guidance at this sad time.

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MORGAN
Peter Ernest

Sadly on 26th May 2017 whilst on holiday in France, Pete, formerly of Newlands Street, Barry. *Sadly missed by all who loved him.*

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RINGHAM

Edna Irene (Née Robertson)

Peacefully on Friday, 16th June at Bellavista Nursing Home with her family at her bedside, Edna, loving wife of Horace John Ringham passed away.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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Sylwer mai'r dyddiad cau ar gyfer pob cais yw dydd Gwener 30 Mehefin am 4pm.

Cynhelir cyfweiliadau ar 11, 12 & 13 Gorffennaf 2017 yn Swyddfeydd Cyngor Tref Y Barri.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 PENARTH) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2017

On the 25 May 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath to the southwest of Gwent Ty Mawr from a line running in a west south westerly direction from NGR 317003 170982 to Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) to a line running in a westerly direction from NGR 317003 170982 to Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 25 May 2017, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wishes to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 8 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 22 June 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 22 June 2017



HYSBYSIAD CADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYB CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980 GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO (LLWYB CYHOEDDUS RHIF 12 PENARTH) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2017

Ar 25 Mai 2017 cadarnhaodd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 119 Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Efallai y Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yw dargyfeirio'r lwybr broed cyhoeddus i'r de-ddwyrain o Gwent Ty Mawr o linell sy'n rhedeg i gyfeiriad gorllewin de-ddwyrain o NGR 317003 170982 i Sully Road (NGR 316848 170600) i linell sy'n rhedeg i gyfeiriad gorllewin o NGR 317003 170982 i Sully Road (NGR 316816 170671) fel y'i rhestrwyd yn yr Amodau ac fel a ddangosir yn map y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir myned i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Docks, Heol yr Ifforddi, y Barr, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gallir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 25 Mai 2017, ond os uchtyr os elwir cwestiynau ei ddilysrwydd, neu ddilysrwydd unrhyw ddisgrifiad yn ydo, ar y sail nad yw o lewngwraeth Ddeddf Prifffyrdd 1980, fel y'i ddygwyd, neu ar y sail na chydymffurfio ag unrhyw un o ofynnion y Ddeddf, fel y'i ddygwyd, neu unrhyw reolad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf neu'n perfformio d'i'r Gorchymyn, gall ef, neu hi, dan baragraff 2 Amodion 2 y Ddeddf fel a nodir dan baragraff 5 Amodion 6 y Ddeddf, o fewn 6 wythnos o 22 Mehefin 2017 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys.

Dyddiad: 22 Mehefin 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern, I, Michelle Ann Evans, do hereby give notice that I have applied to The Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a Premises Licence at The Kiosk, Willow Walk, Cowbridge, CF71 7EE known as Fablas Parlours.

The Application is to allow for the serving of alcohol between the hours of 11am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and 11am to 10pm on Sunday.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, or by email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. 14th June, 2017.

Barry's war dead June 1917 – Lest We Forget

TO mark the centenary of World War One, Paul Kemp of the Barry at War group has supplied this sadly, substantial listing of Barry men who died in just one month in 1917, 100 years ago.

Driver William Richard Conibear of 'D' Battery, 106th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on June 4, 1917.

Aged 20, the son of William Richard and Ellen W Conibear of Teegoffe Cottage, Linkinhorne, Callington, Cornwall and native of St Neot, Liskeard. He was born in Barry and is buried in Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Belgium.

Corporal (Gunner) John Benjamin Bartlett of 'A' Bn. Machine Gun Corps (Heavy Branch) was killed in action in the Battle of Messines on June 7.

Aged 29, he was the son of the late Mr and Mrs David Bartlett of 49 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, and husband of Edna Myfanwy Bartlett, of Pen y Bryn, 55 Tynewydd Road, Barry.

He is buried in grave A18, Underhill Farm Cemetery, Ploegsteert, Belgium.

Private Richard G Chilcott of 16 Platoon, D Coy, 6th Bn. Somerset Light Infantry was killed in action on June 9. The youngest brother of Mr HJ Chilcott of 24 Harvey Street, Cadroxton, Barry he is buried in the Heninel Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Correspondence with his sister Mrs AM Palmer of 23 Hunter Street, Cadroxton survives and includes his last letter to his sister dated May 30 and her last letter to him dated June 12 which was returned unopened.

The local paper reported: 'Official news has reached the family of their brother's death in action. He was previously wounded (gunshot wound left thigh) on the 26th August, after treatment at Harlow Hospital returned to the front on March 21st and was killed by a shell on the 9th June 1917. He was 20 years of age and prior to the war was employed by the Barry Railway Company and resided with his sister at 23 Hunter Street.'

Fireman and trimmer George Thomas of the SS Marie Elsie, Mercantile Marine, died on June 10 as a result of an attack by an enemy submarine.

Aged 49, he was the son of William and Mary Thomas of 2 Lombard Street, Barry, born at Lisvane, Cardiff. On June 10, the SS Marie Elsie on a voyage from Penarth to Archangel'sk with a cargo of coal was sunk by the German submarine U-28 (Georg Schmidt) 125 miles NW of Cape Teriberski. Three persons were lost.

Private Charles William Brown of the 16th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on June 14. Aged 31, the son of Bessie Hill (formerly Brown), of 298 Holton Road, Barry Dock, and the late William John Brown, he is buried in Essex Farm Cemetery, near Ypres, Belgium.

Private John Hybart of the 9th Bn. East Surrey Regiment was killed in action on June 16. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to The Missing, Ypres, Belgium. He was born in Barry, the son of Henrietta Hybart.

Private Richard Hayne of the 1st Bn. the Rifle Brigade was killed in action on June 23. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France. Aged

22, he was the son of Edmund and Martha Hayne of 100 Queen Street, Barry.

On the night of June 23 at 10.30 pm 'B' Company of the 1st Bn. the Rifle Brigade attacked German positions. Initially all went well, seven German prisoners were taken and numerous casualties inflicted, but as the attacking force withdrew over No Man's Land they took many casualties including Hayne, whose body was not recovered.

Private Charles Elmer Williams of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment was killed in action on June 25. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Aged 23, he was born in Barry Dock, Glamorgan, the son of John Williams of 150 Arran Street, Roath, Cardiff, and the husband of Edythe Williams.

Lance Corporal Arnold Dickens of the 19th Bn. Welsh Regiment was killed in action on June 26. He is buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium.

The Barry Dock News reported "OUR BRAVE HEROES AT THE FRONT – FORMER POLICE OFFICER KILLED. Captain (JD) Black, adjutant of 19th Welsh (Pioneer) Regiment, has written to Mr and Mrs JW Dickens, 83 George Street, Barry Docks, informing them of the death of their eldest son, Corporal Arnold Dickens of the same Battalion, which occurred on the night of June 26th when the deceased at his post of duty, was struck by a shell, death being instantaneous.

"Corporal Dickens, who was 24 years of age, previous to enlisting two years ago was a member of the Glamorgan Constabulary, stationed at Oyster-mouth, near Swansea. Mr and Mrs Dickens have had two sons-in-law discharged from the Army, one having been disabled at Mons, and the other physically unfit."

Private Charles Osborne of the 123rd Field Company, Royal Engineers was killed in action on June 28. Aged 46, he is buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium.

The Barry Dock News reported: "SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN KILLED IN FRANCE. Lieut WA Evans, the officer commanding No. 3 Section, 123rd Field Company, RE, France, writes to inform Mr Sidney Osborne, 46 Kingsland Crescent, Barry Docks that his brother Sapper Charles Osborne has been killed in action in France, by a shell.

"He was without doubt one of the best and most reliable sappers in the company," Lieut Evans states, and was a favourite with the men. He refused to take non-commissioned rank, and did excellent work at Mametz Wood during raids, and other dangerous work in our present area.

"The NCOs and men of the section wish to extend their deepest sympathy to you."

Sapper Osborne served throughout the South African War with the Grenadier Guards. He was 46 years of age and re-joined the Army when war broke out.

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

'Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.'

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Cadoxton Bowls Club round-up

CADOXTON continued their Munro Cup programme with a visit from Penarth.

They were successful on two rinks and tied a third, but a heavy defeat on the fourth ensured an overall win for the visitors.

Derek Jeffries skipped his rink to a 7-0 start before three losing ends reduced the advantage to just one.

Five shots during the following two ends reopened the gap. The reply was three singles.

Supremacy was shown for the hosts with four winning ends including a four to finish.

Jim Davies won 12 of the ends, but mainly singles, whilst the opposition, although having success on only six ends, had three threes and three twos to tie the final score.

Howard Craven had a slow start on his rink, trailing 2-9 after eight ends. However they

settled and finished with a two-shot win.

Kelvin Chedgzy's rink was not allowed into the game with an on-form David Dalby restricting them to just one shot in 15 ends.

Scores: D Tuck, S Clarke, G Davies, J Davies 15-15 P Davies, D Shirley, B Lewis, C Fry; D Hammond, J Papoutsou, I Robertson, D Jeffries 23-11 R Daniel, M England, D Musk, B Hill; A Prince, G Solomon, R Byrne, K Chedgzy 5-28 J Beanland, B Willmott, D Plank, D Darby; W Craven, M Curtis, P Ellis, H Craven 14-12 M Conway, L Brooke, A Stockham D Clements.

Final score: 57-66.

CADOXTON v RUMNEY (FRIENDLY)

There was no league fixture scheduled, this week, so a friendly match was fixed at Rumney.

Cadoxton arrived with a player short, but the space was filled by one

of the home team's reserves.

The outcome was a win on all rinks.

The top rink was skipped by Don Kuhnell, with Ivor Robertson's performance assisting in restricting the opposition to just five winning ends. Roy Harding's rink trailed at tea, but performed superbly after the break to turn the result around for a comfortable win.

The rink skipped by Jim Davies held a narrow tea advantage, but only one single was conceded afterwards until a five against on the penultimate end spoiled the run, but not the final outcome.

Gordon Davies had a close game with the scores level after nine ends at 7-7.

They were tied again at 12-12 but with four ends left a one-shot advantage was held.

Three of these ends brought success and the fourth victory of the game.

Scores: J Papoutsou, Guest, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 25-8; G Solomon, D Hammond, P Ellis, R Harding 21-12; E Heppenstall, A Prince, D Brook, J Davies 23-12; R Byrne, S Clarke, I Heppenstall, G Davies 21-17. Final score: 90-49.

DK

Confident Barry Wanderers get back in the groove with maximum points win

A few weeks ago, Barry Wanderers were really looking in trouble, but after last week and the shock win against Sully, confidence was high as Monkswood were welcomed to Hayes Point in the glorious sunshine.

The Wanderers were invited to bat and at 97 for 6 were in a spot of bother until Peter Coleman, with first Rhodri Jones and then Reno Defeo, took the total to 210 for 8.

Coleman was caught on the boundary from the last ball to finish just shy of 50.

In reply it was Jones again, who fresh from his four wickets last week, stepped up with three this week and was well supported by the other bowlers.

This meant that despite a dogged 38 from Rod Jones and a swashbuckling 44 from Hadyn Simons, Monkswood fell 52 short.

Wanderers gained the maximum 20 points from this victory and now find themselves third from bottom in eighth but only five points behind the team in fifth and two behind Dinas Powys, who the Wanderers visit on Saturday. Every game certainly counts.

Sadly, the seconds have yet to win this season with availability being a huge thorn in their side, but they did themselves proud up at Monkswood and despite 33 from Sam Brooks they find themselves rooted to the foot of the table.

On Sunday, a fantastic day was had by all as Pentrych visited for a Sunday friendly which was exactly what it was, with a mixture of youth and the more mature on show.

In the end, the class of Brett Hole and the like was too much for the Wanderers but Ian Ford with 23 not out was a highlight, as was the 76 from Kunal Mhadgut who was originally not going to play as he wanted to see his beloved India

play Pakistan!

Also, a mention to young Mark Williams with three wickets on the day. Pentrych are a fantastic Sunday team to play and we hope we were great hosts.

Finally, this Sunday, June 25, is a special day at Hayes Point as old players and current will come together in a president XI against the chairman's XI to celebrate the club having a new president in Gerry Richards.

It has been a few years since we have had a president, as the post had not been filled since the sad loss of club founder Mike Ashton in 2013.

The club felt the time was right and Gerry was happy to accept.

There is hardly a club in south Wales and even further afield who do not know Gerry, and we are proud to have him.

All are welcome to pop over to Hayes Point at 2pm for what should be a fantastic day of cricket and memories.

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Scotcher joins Barry Town United

WELSH Premier League-bound Barry Town United have confirmed another signing, as their pre-season preparations begin to take shape.

Joining new recruits Kayne McLaggan and Sam Jones at Jenner Park will be highly-rated midfielder Elliot Scotcher from Pembrokeshire – a

former Wales under-16 and under-17 international who comes to Barry from fellow Welsh Premier League outfit Aberystwyth Town.

Arriving at Portman Road during Roy Keane's stint as manager, Scotcher was a scholar at Championship club Ipswich Town, before returning to south Wales, enrolling at

Cardiff Met University and becoming an important part of their own climb of the Welsh pyramid.

After graduating, Elliot then signed for Merthyr Town of the Evo-Stik League, before switching to Aberystwyth in January.

A former Cardiff City youngster, 23-year old Elliot commented: "I'm delighted to have

joined such a progressive club at an important moment in its history.

"After speaking with Gavin Chesterfield and hearing his plans it was a straightforward decision for me to join.

"I've played with or against a number of the lads in the squad previously and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together this season."

"Throughout our discussions, Elliot has shown a real desire to be part of our club and what we are about", added Barry manager Chesterfield.

"He is a player who fits our philosophy and style very well and will add further creativity and quality to our midfield."

"I'm looking forward to working with Elliot and helping him fulfill his undoubted potential."

With 17 players now signed, Chesterfield has put together a pre-season programme that stays largely close to home, as his squad gets set to rack up the miles across the coming season.

Barry's opening friendly will be at Jenner Park on Saturday, July 15, as

the Welsh League Division One champions host last season's rivals Goytre.

A tough first test for the WPL newcomers, Goytre were the only team to complete a league double over Barry in their 2016-17 championship campaign.

The Town then travel to runners-up Penybont on Tuesday, July 18, before heading to play Goytre United at Glanhafod Park on Saturday, July 22.

After welcoming Newport County to Jenner Park on Tuesday, July 25, a further friendly yet to be confirmed is pencilled in for the next weekend.

The club then wraps up its preparations at Ely Rangers on Saturday, August 5, with the Welsh Premier League campaign kicking off the following week.

Tickets for Barry's friendly with League 2 Newport are on sale at barry.ticketsource.co.uk with the Exiles expected to bring a full strength line-up to Jenner Park next month.

AC

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GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 6) 2017

1. Ar 19 Mehefin 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yn dod i rym ar 26 Mehefin 2017 neu ar y dyddiad y gosodir yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd, pa un bynnag sydd hwyrach, ac enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Lliwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 6) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir amyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynau dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 26 Mehefin 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Lliwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg

Belmont Street, y Barri – Map AU52

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Newbourne Place tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Newbourne Place tua'r de-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Gwahardd Aros ar Unrhyw Adeg i newid i Aros Cyfyngedig Dydd Llun i ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 Awr ac eithrio deilliad trwydded i breswylwyr.

Woodlands Road, y Barri – Map AU52

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwynt oddeutu 7.2 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Belmont Street tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am oddeutu 38 metr.

Dyddiedig 22 Mehefin 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 6) ORDER 2017

1. On the 19th June 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 26th June 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 6) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 26th June 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

Belmont Street, Barry – Map AU52

On the north east side from its junction with Newbourne Place in a north westerly direction for 10 metres.

On the north east side from its junction with Newbourne Place in a south easterly direction for 10 metres.

Existing Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time to become Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am until 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.

Woodlands Road, Barry – Map AU52

On the north west side from a point approximately 7.2 metres north east of the junction of Belmont Street in a north easterly direction for approximately 38 metres.

Dated this 22nd day of June 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



Rugby club are looking for players

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC are currently recruiting for players new and old to join them next season.

With two senior sides, a youth team and 10 junior sides, the club has rugby for all ages and ability.

The seniors train on a Tuesday and Thursday evening with pre-season training just round the corner, starting on July 4.

More information and contacts for all age group rugby can be found on the website: llantwitmajorrfc.wales or call the clubhouse on 01446 792276.

You could also call in and watch the Lions test match live at the club on Saturday.

The club will be open from 8am with a fully licensed bar and breakfast butties at half time – members and non-members warmly welcome.

AH

Bridgend Bridge Club results



The Rugby Academy award winners with Dan Fish, Gethin Jenkins, college principal Kay Martin and director of rugby Martyn Fowler.

CAVC Academy rewards success

CARDIFF and Vale College's Rugby Academy has celebrated another season of success at its second presentation.

It has been a year of firsts for CAVC's Rugby Academy – spending its first year in Tier 1 of the Welsh Colleges league programme and beating the formidable Coleg y Cymoedd team for the first time.

It is the first year that the Academy contributed 10 players to the Cardiff Blues Regional U18s squad and the first time

the team has had four international players.

The Academy entered the WRU Urd Sevens for the first time and won it.

It was also the first year that the team entered the world's biggest schools' rugby contest, the Rosslyn Park Sevens, and came fourth out of 750 teams.

The Academy's coaches and business sponsors – Bae Coffi, Circle IT, Principality and Simply Fresh – attended the awards presentation at the College's City Centre campus.

CAVC's Rugby Academy works in partnership with Cardiff Blues, giving its players the opportunity to play home games at BT Cardiff Arms Park.

Cardiff Blues Gethin Jenkins and Richard Holland were joined by WRU Head of High Performance Geraint John as guests.

Mr Jenkins said: It's a great occasion, and I am enjoying the awards that celebrate the boys' season."

Gethin said: "This is an excellent venue and it's an amazing college."

The coveted title of Player of the Year was awarded to Joe Miles, who was worked hard and reaped the rewards, gaining an under-18 cap for Wales versus England at Ebbw Vale.

Dafydd Smith was given the award for Players' Player of the Year after outstanding performances at Roslyn Park and WRU Urd under-18s, earning his Welsh shirt in Paris in 2016.

Marley Lovell won the Coaches' Award, while Dylan Lawley was named Most Improved Player and Tony Lamerton won Most Promising Player. Ben Thomas, Joe Miles, Dafydd Smith and Odin Pronk were given framed jerseys to recognise the international honours they have gained this year.

Ben Thomas also won the Captain's Award. Mr Thomas, outside half and captain, gained his first cap last year, toured South Africa and put in an impressive performance against France and England at Ebbw Vale.

The college's director of rugby, Martyn Fowler, added: "One question I'm often asked about the Academy is 'How do you measure success?' While the trophies are nice to hold, they will no doubt lose their lustre.

"What stays with us and everyone involved with CAVC is the knowledge that we have made a positive contribution to the lives of our young men when delivering on the Academy mission statement: developing better people and better players."

I would love for everyone to see her hard work and say a massive thank you to Amy for all of her hard work gone into making this perfect superstar pair.

Thank you, Hannah Lewis, The Vale

Show-jumping success for young Brooke!



BROOKE LEWIS is 10 years old and she is in Peterston super Ely primary school.

Brooke does a lot of horse riding with her superstar pony, Mr Monty.

Brooke is taught by Amy Jane Thomson at ANT Equestrian, and what an amazing teacher she is.

Brooke has been taught by Amy, and riding Mr Monty for two years and in this time she has gone from never competing to competing at British Show Jumping Association (BSJA) level.

She has had a lot of ups and downs with Mr Monty, but she hasn't

given up and now they are just getting stronger and stronger.

They have competed in three BSJA competitions and they have won all three of their British novice classes entered; this is an amazing achievement for the pair of them and I couldn't be more proud.

Their last show on June 10 they won both classes and had equal first in their qualifying class: she was over the moon.

I would love for everyone to see her hard work and say a massive thank you to Amy for all of her hard work gone into making this perfect superstar pair.

Thank you, Hannah Lewis, The Vale

BRIDGEND became Welsh Bridge Champions on Sunday, June 18, at Crossgates when they won the final of the National Teams of Eight Championship.

It is the first time that Bridgend has won this event, and they did so narrowly ahead of perennial winners Cardiff.

To qualify, Bridgend first won the western area regional championship, and then competed for the trophy against seven other teams from around the country.

It is an outstanding achievement by captain Tony Disley and his team.

Pictured above are Mike Best, Tony Disley, Simon Richards, Steve Burgoyne, Julian Pottage, John Evans, Neville Richards (president of the Welsh Bridge Union) Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox.

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, June 14: First, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; Second, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; Third, Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Thursday, June 15: First, Stuart Davies and John Henson; Equal

second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans & Maggie and Richard Ashpole. The winners on handicap were Maggie and Richard Ashpole.

Friday, June 16: First, Steve Burgoyne and Marjorie Morris; second, Gareth Jenkins and Bill Turner; third, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were Gareth Jenkins and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm – to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm, starting in September again in Norton Church Hall.

For further information about the lessons, and any other club activities, please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

DN

Porthcawl RFC under-13s finish off season with trip and awards!



TO celebrate the end of a fantastic season, Porthcawl RFC under-13s travelled to Exeter to watch the Chiefs play Northampton Saints.

The boys and dads enjoyed spending time together watching the game and getting competitive at the bowling alley!

The highlight of the tour was our game against Topsham under-13s. To say the boys' performance made the coaches proud is an understatement.

Adapting swiftly to the English rules they played three 20-minute games. An hour of fantastic effort and hard work culminated in a score of 45-5 to Porthcawl against a team who had been defeated only once all season.

The presentation evening stepped up a gear this year; with the boys approaching junior age it was up to the

coaches to select individual trophies for player of the season and most improved player.

Those who know us will recognise this was a very difficult decision, but, nevertheless, Ollie Sadd and Bud Morgan Pellett thoroughly deserved the recognition, as did Ollie Tottman who was awarded the player's player award.

Nathan Bennett would like to thank the boys, the club and all the families for such dedication this year as well as Anthony for supporting with the coaching and John our medic.

He would also like to thank Kevin for holding quizzes at the Ancient Briton and donating the money to buy hoodies and polo tops for the boys.

We are looking forward to going from strength to strength next season, have a safe summer boys!

NB

The Rest Bridge Club are up with the times!

THE Rest Bridge Club was established over 10 years ago, as an offshoot from the U3A teaching classes in the Rest Home, in the days when it was a vibrant focal point for many local activities.

The club is now one of the most popular in south Wales, boasting more than a 10-table attendance, every Tuesday afternoon.

With the increasing attendance, the manual chore of scoring, and results compilation, necessitated the club committee assessing alternative methods.

The club decided on using the most modern technology currently available. This is based on each table having an Android device (in our case modified 'Kindles' – but smartphones would be perfectly acceptable).

These are wi-fi linked to a computer, running a scoring program. The Kindles (when adapted they are branded as 'Bridgetabs') are equipped with a licensed piece of software,

which provides the players with a highly user-friendly colour interface into which results are entered as hands are played.

The system has been well received both by players and the club administrators. Session results are available within seconds of the last hand being played.

In order to fund the scheme, the club applied to 'Awards For All Wales' which enables community groups to acquire National Lottery funding for appropriate projects.

The application process was straightforward (online application taking a couple of hours), and the AAW response was excellent, with only the minimum of associated red-tape. The grant approval took about two weeks. The club committee extend their thanks.

The club would also like to thank the national 'Bridgetab' agent (Keith Butler) for the system supply, and the scoring software supplier (Jeff Smith) for the assistance given.

TH

Osian's two sports awards!

OSIAN Leeke of Cowbridge was recently awarded the 'under-8s clubman of the year' trophy in both football and rugby!

Osian is a pupil at Ysgol Gynradd Iolo Morganwg and is proud to represent Cowbridge Town AFC and Cowbridge RFC.

Thank you to the coaches for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the season.

SL



Osian Leeke.

Munro Cup win for Llantwit Major mens bowlers

FOR their Wednesday Munro Cup fixture, Llantwit Major men's bowlers travelled to Barry Central, winning on three rinks in a 83-47 win.

Charles Hiscock's rink were always in command, being 10 shots up after only six ends. Llantwit then relaxed a bit, allowing Central to come back at them before Llantwit went away again to win by 11.

Eric Sparkes' rink were eight shots up at the halfway stage of the match. Llantwit kept a tight control of the match to win by 10 shots.

Arthur Hayes' rink started badly, winning only one of the first nine ends to be 13 shots behind. They improved after that, taking the next five ends to be only one shot behind, but Central pulled away after this, taking the final ends to win the match.

Neville Young's rink were never in trouble, being 13 shots up after the sixth end. Llantwit continued to score heavily, winning the match comfortably.

Llantwit played their second league fixture on Saturday with a visit to Sully, who were expected to give Llantwit a hard game.

Llantwit put in an impressive performance, winning on three rinks and gaining 12 points in a 85-78 win.

Graham Jones' rink led from the start and by the 11th end were six shots ahead, picking three lots of three on the way, with Llantwit's skip playing some great bowls to ensure some winning ends.

A couple of fours towards the end gave Llantwit a 12-shot win.

Adrian Woods' rink, after losing the first end, took the lead with Glyn Fos giving them a great start.

Sully regained the lead on the eighth end with a four but Llantwit then matched them, winning six of the final eight ends to win by four shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had a stiff battle. With both sides alternating the lead, the game was in the balance with scores level on the penultimate end, Llantwit scoring two shots on the final end to win.

Steve Booker's rink were up against it from the start, with the Sully skip putting in some crucial shots helping Sully to be seven shots up after four ends.

Llantwit were never in contention winning only eight ends in the whole match.

Llantwit are still looking for new members - if you would like to give it a try you would be most welcome as there is free coaching every Tuesday evening.

NY



Ladies captain's day at Brynhill Golf Club



ON Tuesday, June 13, the sun came out and the wind vanished for a well-supported ladies captain's day at Brynhill Golf Club.

Later that evening, ladies captain Olwyn Thomas welcomed all participants with a glass of something and nibbles for her prize presentation.

Beautiful bracelets were presented by Olwyn to the winners, who were: Silver division - Clare Downton with 37 points; Bronze division - Lisa Taylor with 38 points.

Olwyn thanked everyone who had supported her day and made it such a special success.

ET

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for June 13:

1. Debbie Dawkins & Alan Jones 67.92%, 2. Irene Thomas & Mick Green 58.33, 3. Simon & Debbie Richards 55.83.

The handicap first place winners were Debbie Dawkins and Alan Jones.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

LH

Coaching sessions at local tennis club

A new initiative to encourage more people to play tennis is being offered by Barry Athletic Tennis Club, with special group coaching sessions for adult on Wednesday evenings and junior classes on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings throughout the summer.

The club has received a special grant from the Lawn Tennis Association to offer low-cost coaching to encourage beginners and all grades of players at the Barry Island-based club, which is regarded as providing the best tennis courts in Barry.

The club is opening its doors to non-members with adult classes will run between 6-7pm every Wednesday until August 16 and junior classes running Wednesdays 5-6pm and Sunday mornings 10am, mini red for five-seven year olds, 10.45am mini orange-green for eight-10 year olds, and 11.30am for junior coaching for ages 11-14 year-olds.

For more details check out the club's website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BarryTennis> or contact Robert Wedlake on 07903524456 or email barry@tennisquad.net.

Members at Barry Athletic Tennis Club can enjoy year-round tennis with our four high quality all weather

courts, including one floodlit court.

The club offers the best choice for anyone in the area wanting to enjoy their tennis, including beginners' tennis, juniors, coaching for juniors and seniors, social tennis, and social activities for our members.

As a member of the LTA, the club's members can enter a draw for Wimbledon tickets at cost price. While there is no guarantee of a ticket, in previous years most members wanting tickets have been successful. The tickets are strictly for personal use only.

Barry Athletic Tennis Club is run by volunteers with any profits re-invested back into the club's activities and facilities

The club has a partnership with Tennis Squad Coaching Academy. Its team of tennis coaches delivers award-winning services across south Wales, working with anyone with an interest or passion in tennis offering a fun, safe and educational tennis experience.

With its own pavilion with lounge, kitchen, changing rooms, toilets, and showers, it offers good viewing facilities of activities on courts. Members also have free use of tennis balls.

There is ample free car parking at all times and members can use the facilities of the bar in the nearby bowls pavilion.

AG

On and Off The Turf

ONE person farmer John Llewellyn who rode saddened by the news that former racehorse trainer Bert Lavis, of Simpson Cross, Haverfordwest, has died at the age of 87 is Cowbridge

and he always seemed pleased to see me and have a chat about our past times on the racecourse.

He leaves behind a widow, Mair, his son Graham and daughters Vanessa and Heather.

His funeral took place at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, yesterday (Wednesday, June 21).

TIM'S CHEPSTOW WINNER

Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan won the closing two miles handicap race at Chepstow Racecourse last Friday evening with his eight-year-old Dovils Date, who, ridden by KT O'Neill, won by three parts of a length from the favourite Nachi Falls.

A winner of its previous race, *Dovils Date* was well backed at 3-1.

Welsh-born Roger Charlton took the opening two-year-olds six furlong sprint with *Klostres*.

At Aintree Sean Bowen, riding his father Peter Bowen's *Land Of Vic*, won the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Mare's Handicap Hurdle with *Land Of Vic*, who, at nine-years-old, was the oldest mare in the race.

BRIAN LEE

Can you be the Champion of Champs in darts?

THE search is on for the 2017 Worthington's Champion of Champions with pubs and clubs across the country signing up to hold heats to find local champions for the £20,000 grand final to be played at St David's Hall, Cardiff on Saturday, August 26.

Sponsored by Molson Coors and Red Dragon Darts, the tournament mirrors the best of three legs 501 format of the iconic News of the World competition with heat winners automatically qualifying for the 256 player grand final.

To take part, players must first register at www.reddragonarts.com/info/player-registration and can play in as many qualifiers as they like.

The tournament is open to men and women of all abilities, as well as children over the age of 14 with the permission of landlords.

"The Worthington's Champion of Champions is the people's darts tournament," says Simon Hall, head of marketing

at Red Dragon Darts. "Pubs and clubs are at the heart of the sport and as we have seen in previous years, they produce some fantastic darts talent."

"The event gets better and better and this year's will be an incredible experience for everyone taking part."

Last year's winner was Jonny Clayton, a plasterer from Pembrokeshire. In addition to the trophy and title of Worthington's Champion of Champions 2016, he picked up a cheque for £5,000.

"It's a marvellous event," he says. "The organisation is second to none and pits some of the best-known names in the game alongside pub champions."

"The tournament has a great, big-stage feel to it and I'm sure the 2017 event will be even bigger and better."

The full list of all 256 venues is available at: <https://www.reddragonarts.com/info/champion-of-champions-venues/>.

More details on the Worthington's Champion of Champions 2017 tournament, is available at: <https://www.reddragonarts.com/events/worthington-champion-of-champions.html>.

The A-Team bowlers start their season

LLANTWIT MAJOR A bowlers hosted Ystrad Mynach A in their first Cardiff and District Municipal League Division 7 match last Saturday.

The weather was glorious and due to the heat, the captains agreed to curtail the game to 18 ends.

Llantwit won on three rinks the overall score being 71-56 in Llantwit's favour.

Ian Williamson, Ken

Williams, John Ball and John O'Brien took an early lead and scored well on the fifth and sixth ends eventually winning by 21 shots to 12.

Cen Williams, Mike Eversleigh, Dave Post and Mike Adams took three ends to get going but went on to win 19-13; special mention for Mike Eversleigh who is a new member and has impressed in his first few games.

Dave Thomas, Roy

Isabel's top novice award

ISABEL WILLIAMS, aged 19, daughter of Evan and Cath Williams of Llancarfan, has won the South Wales and Monmouthshire Area award which goes to the top female novice rider during the season just ended.

She will be presented with her trophy at the South Wales and Monmouthshire Dinner/Dance and Awards Evening at the Holiday Hotel, Newport, on July 1.

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, aged 36, has won the Bill Jones Memorial Trophy and Bridgend builder Roger Willcox has won the Champion Pentryrch with his six-year-old brown gelding *January Don*.

The following awards will be presented during the evening:

Welsh Champion - Men (DR Thomas Perpetual Trophy) South Wales and Monmouthshire - James

Bowen; Welsh Champion - Ladies (B Thomas Perpetual Trophy) South Wales and Monmouthshire - Jodie Hughes; Bill Jones Memorial Trophy South Wales and Monmouthshire - Byron Moorcroft; South and West Wales Novice Rider - James Bowen; South Wales and Monmouthshire Area Novice Rider - Isabel Williams; Champion Trophy (Spillers Perpetual Trophy, most wins in south Wales and west Wales) - Michael Bowen's Sir Du Bearn; Champion Mare (Elfin David Memorial Trophy) Keith Pritchard's Watch The Birdie; Maiden Horse (George Williams Memorial Trophy) John Rees's Ruperra Tom; Champion Older Horse (Lord Charles Trophy) Mike Bassett & Keiron Price's Really Unique; Champion Llangenor/Pentryrch Qualified Horse - Roger Willcox's January Don.

BRIAN LEE

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Crumlin beat Sully Centurions in top of the table encounter

SULLY CENTURIONS took on second-placed Crumlin at Burnham Avenue and, with only five points separating the teams, this was definitely a crunch match.

The visitors batted first and, after the early loss of skipper Hopkins, took a liking to the conditions and also to the Sully attack, with the ball being dispatched to the boundary with regularity.

An unbeaten century from Veal and 98 from Jolliffe were the backbone of the Crumlin innings, which finished on 291 for 5.

However, it could have been different, as both high scoring batsmen were dropped early in their innings. For Centurions, there were two wickets each for Nathan Cuddihy and skipper Jake Griffith.

In reply, Centurions had Rhett Jones (87) and David Goodway (52) to thank for putting some runs on the board.

But, in spite of only losing seven wickets, the target was well out of reach, with Crumlin restricting the home side to 199 for 7 off the 45 overs.

This means that Crumlin have leapfrogged Centurions at the top of the table. Both sides are now eagerly looking forward to the second half of the season and in particular, the return match at Crumlin.

Sully Centurions 199-7, Crumlin 291-5.

The second XI travelled to Crumlin for the reverse fixture and in spite of

a great fifth wicket stand between Russell Thomas and Nick Jones, lost by four wickets.

Centurions batted first and were soon in trouble as early wickets began to tumble – leaving them in the precarious position of being 27 for 4 and facing an early finish.

However Thomas and Jones had other ideas, sharing a stand of 150 to put Centurions right back in the game.

The final total of 191 for 9 was a testament to their fine partnership. The wickets were shared between the Crumlin bowlers, with best figures coming from Haines (2 for 6) and Randall (2 for 13).

After tea, the Crumlin batsmen didn't have it all their own way, with Sully chipping away at the early order.

With the score at 60 for 4 the game was evenly poised, but the middle order rose to the challenge, with a fine 81 not out from Williams being the pick of the batting.

The target was reached in the 33rd over. For Centurions the wickets were shared between Gethin Hicks, who had 3 for 30, and Peter Thomas (3 for 58).

Crumlin II 192-6, Sully Centurions II 191-9.

On Saturday Centurions travel to Monkswood, with the second XI taking on Monkswood second XI at Burnham Avenue.

All players are asked to contact Jake Griffith or Dave Sylvester with their availability.

MF

COWBRIDGE BOWLS CLUB ROUND-UP

It was another good week for the ladies.

In a Monday Evening League game at home to Llantrisant (2), although losing on one of the two rinks, it was a good overall win.

Rink scores: Carol Davies, Jean Hunt, Phyllis Price and Shirley Wilkinson 30-7; Tina Payne, Shirley Dunsforth, Dorothy Pritchard and Sylvia Hole 14-18. Match score: Cowbridge 44, Llantrisant (2) 25.

The following day, again at home, in a Cowbridge Shield Match, the visitors were from the Kenfig and Pyle Club. It was a good, all-round performance with wins on all three rinks.

Rink scores: Sandra Collin, Caryl Davies, Diane Lloyd and May Jones 17-10; Tina Payne, Corrie Bufton, Kay Edwards and Joy Woolford 23-16; Lynda Wilson, Pat Davey, Phyllis Price and Helena Snelling 23-16. Match score: Cowbridge 63, Kenfig Hill and Pyle 42.

Now in the groove, success followed the next day in an Evening game, also at home to Barry Romilly, with wins on both rinks.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Jean Hunt, Sylvia Hole and Shirley Wilkinson 25-9; Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Sandra Collin and Kay Edwards 21-13. Match score: Cowbridge 46, Romilly 22.

The men had two matches last week.

The first was an Evening Triples League game away to Pencoed. Cowbridge were second on all four rinks, which meant no points.

The pressure was on to

MB

Barry tennis ladies on the verge of glory!

It was another busy weekend at Barry Community Tennis Club, and after a week of disruption due to high winds and heavy rain, it was great to have lots of action on the courts again.

The new Tots tennis session was well received at 9.15am on Saturday, and followed by the usual busy juniors, minis and adult beginners sessions, before the 9u team hosted Cowbridge LTC for an Aegon Team Tennis fixture.

This was a nailbiting fixture, which saw five of the 10 rubbers going to a deciding third set, but despite battling hard, the home team lost 4-6 overall.

On Sunday, the youngest of the teams, the under-8s, hosted

win and gain points at home last Saturday, against Llantrisant A, and to get a foothold in the league.

Playing on a very hot day Cowbridge won on three of the four rinks and in so doing gained 12 valuable points.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Bryan Hole, Peter Launder and Bob Penn 24-13; Tom Purnell, Ron Dobie, Rob Lewis and Clive Pritchard 14-18; Mansel Davey, Tony Lewis, Bryan Williams and Roger Barwick 19-17; Dennis Snelling, John Collin, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 34-16 (this win for Noman and his quartet included a hot shot). Match score: Cowbridge 91, Llantrisant A 64.

On Friday evening social bowlers were able to watch the conclusion of a fine singles match between Roger Barwick from Cowbridge and Richard Bowden from Barry Athletic.

The first to score 21 shots would win. They were playing in the Senior Singles South Vale competition.

Scoring was even in the early stages. Then Richard was leading by three shots at 14-11 but did not score again.

Roger won all remaining ends to win 21-14 and will now take his place in the semi-finals. Congratulations Roger!

If you would like to know more about the club, and the sport of bowls, why not call in on us just for a chat on a Friday evening between 6pm-8pm and ask for Mike Bradley - you will find us directly behind the Leisure Centre.

MB

Barbecue for lady golfers



ON a pleasant Monday evening, a nine hole competition was played on both courses at Cotterell Park.

It was the best three out of four scores using three clubs and a putter.

The first team on the Mackintosh course were Vicki Long, Eluned Rees, Mary Davies and Chris Impey with 46 points.

On the Button course Helen Evans, Anne Morgan, Liz Overton and Helen Ruttlely with 50 points.

The prizes were presented by Jeannette Williams, ladies' captain.



Following this the competition and everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue. Jeannette gave her a token of appreciation. Margaret Rees was thanked for organising

CB

Victory for Barry Athletic firsts, while seconds are defeated

On Saturday Barry Athletic Cricket Club first XI entertained Ebbw Vale at Barry Island.

On a bright sunny afternoon, they lost the toss and were asked to field first.

Ebbw Vale reached 166 for 6 in their 50 overs with Iqbal (58) and N.Pepper Jnr (54); the best bowlers for Barry were Zia (4 for 5), Guni (2 for 45) and Lloyd Bruce (1 for 19 in his 10 overs).

In reply Barry reached their total for the loss of five wickets with Damon Leake a solid and fluent 55, Guni a fine 37, Nathan Baker 19 and Lee Morgan 13 not out.

The second XI travelled to Dinas Powys. Dinas Powys won the toss and batted first and reached 281 for 7, with Andy Ellis (4 for 58) and Dave Evans (2 for 35) being the main wicket

takers and Kyle Hughes top-scoring with 101 not out for Dinas Powys.

In reply Barry were 199 all out with Ashley Baker scoring a fine 87 and Coughtrey 4 for 17.

This week Barry Athletic first XI travel to Whitchurch Heath with the second XI home to Malpas.

The writer would like to apologise for the article that appeared in

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Mixed weekend for Vale Cricket Club

VALE Cricket Club's first XI narrowed the gap in their promotion push with a good, solid performance, gaining maximum points against Dinas Powys in a 42-run victory at Corntown last Saturday.

Asked to bat, Vale's inning of 236-7 was built on the excellent JJ Davies, who carried his bat for an unbeaten 101. JJ was supported in a number of solid partnerships, the highlight being one of 71 with Matthew Thomas who contributed an entertaining 45.

Twenties from Alex Davidson and Matthew Williams ensured a maximum-point total.

After tea (supplied by Vale Catering), Dinas Powys started well, accumulating 82 for the first wicket, with the dangerous Gordon Hannah well-set when Williams dismissed opening partner Choudray for 12.

It was the introduction of the three spinners skipper JP Davies has at his disposal that frustrated the visitors. Williams (3-

13 off 9 overs – he has yet to concede a boundary this season). JJ Davies (4-30) and Jimbo Thomas controlled the middle of the innings allowing James Snelson to weigh in with 2-44 to finish off the innings.

Hannah contributed 88 to the final 194 all out and will feel he could have had more support from his colleagues.

Still in third place, they have narrowed the gap to Sully who lost to league leaders Crumlin. This week Vale CC firsts travel to Monmouth and will hope to build on their momentum.

Visiting Ebbw Vale's Eugene Cross Park is a highlight for a club cricketer, and Vale second XI turned up there last Saturday and took part in a high-scoring game.

Unfortunately, they came out on the wrong side of the result: however, they remain top of their division by a slim margin.

Surprisingly asked to bat first, the visitors assembled a highly competitive 268-2. The foundation for this was an opening partnership of 155 from Gareth Andrews, classically strong and punishing through the on-side, and

Mark Francis, elegant all around the wicket.

Andrews fell unfortunately run out for 74, while Francis went on to 126 not out alongside Sean Rowland (29). Francis is in a great run of form, though both this season's centuries have been in a losing cause.

After the legendary tea provided by Ebbw Vale, the home side set off with huge big hitting intent.

Once the bowlers had sorted out their lines, decent efforts from Idris and Gethin Merry and, at least initially, Rowland, dragged the game back towards the visitors.

Gareth Kelland then dismissed the agricultural Boulter for 32 and Tom Lazarus followed this up with a great spell, taking three wickets useful mid-innings wickets.

However the arrival of Gavin, who thundered to a rapid 68, alongside opener Shane Jones, who ended on a classy 131 not out, put the game beyond Vale, passing the target with nine balls to spare and with six wickets remaining.

The seconds host Monmouth on Saturday and will be happy to see guests at the Corntown ground, with bar facilities available all day.

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Two wins on the spin get Lions in gear... now to face the might of the All Blacks!

THE 2017 British & Irish Lions tour of New Zealand has been something of a stop-start affair.

While the weekend team have worked hard to earn victories, the midweek team have been less than successful, having lost their two outings in games where they must have hoped to perform better.

So what better way to warm up for the first test than for the Lions to have put in arguably their two finest performances to date, overpowering the New Zealand Maoris on Saturday by 32 points to 10, and then defeating the Chiefs (who were, admittedly, somewhat understrength) by 34 points to 6.

The Lions' switch into a higher gear couldn't have come at a better time with the first test against the All Blacks on Saturday, and if ever two big performances were needed it was in these games.

There have been plenty of flashes on the tour so far, but it took until

last Saturday for it to form into one solid and satisfying performance against very difficult opposition.

Points win games and while the Lions hadn't been particularly generous defensively, offensively the need to get scores on the board and show their attacking intent was vital.

So racking up 66 points across two games will be a boost for the team, as will the manner of the performances and the way certain individuals have shone through.

On Saturday it was Maro Itoje and Peter O'Mahony in particular who played themselves into serious contention for starting roles against the All Blacks, while Leigh Halfpenny's metronomic boot was a reassuring sight on a tour that has seen the usually-dependable Owen Farrell be less than impressive from the dead ball.

In the backs, the likes of Ben Te'o and Anthony Watson shone, but anyone thinking that Saturday's team were nailed on to start obviously didn't pass the message on to the XV

by GARETH JAMIESON

that started against the Chiefs on Tuesday.

Starting the midweek game before the first test is often a sure sign that you won't be involved come Saturday, but the performance of many in the red shirt threw a few interesting questions in the air.

Granted it was far different opposition to those faced previously – the Chiefs' team depleted by those who lined up for Maori New Zealand a few days previously – but the manner and tone of the performance indicated that Warren Gatland and his coaches may need to do some last-minute thinking before naming the starting line-up for the All Blacks.

Of note were Liam Williams, finally looking like the player he is on this tour, whose line breaking and deftness under the high ball was a pleasure to watch. It won't be just

Scarlets fans calling for him to make the team.

Jack Nowell's two tries showed his attacking threat when afforded space, while Elliot Daly's versatility will no doubt come into play, the Englishman delivering another strong and solid performance.

It suggests that while numbers one through to eight are pretty much nailed on (the issue of whether Maro Itoje's dynamism and ability to cover several positions is best used in a starting or a replacement capacity is a tricky one, as is the selection of captain Sam Warburton, whose tour has been fragmented due to injury), there is room for manoeuvre in the backs.

Owen Farrell's injury means that it's likely an Irish axis at nine and 10 will start in Connor Murray and Jonny Sexton, but after that the hard questions need to be answered.

Has George North done enough to warrant a starting place in the team? Arguably no, but when on song who better to face head-on the All Blacks?

Who will occupy the centre berths? Each candidate has made compelling arguments so far, but where do Gatland and his coaches want to take the game – down the route of ballast and brawn, or will they be better served attempting to play their way through the middle and fight for space?

If it seemed relatively difficult naming a test XV at the start of the tour, the last two performances have made it all the more tricky, something that will both delight and beguile the selectors in the lead-up to the team announcement.

It promises to be a thrilling encounter with the world champions, and one that can be faced with much more confidence than in the early part of this tour.

With the Lions seemingly clicking into a higher gear, and the knowledge that a series win over the All Blacks will be both momentous and historic, Saturday can't come soon enough!



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Pencoed Phoenix announce new coaching structure



From left to right: Breeze Davies, Kate Harris, Yvette Evans, Katie Carr, Taylor Briggs, Rosie Carr, Molly Wooding, Erin Smith, Emma Powson. All photographs by Julie Hancock.

PENCOED Phoenix have a new structure for the coming season.

There will be a 15-18-years-old age group and a senior group. Liam Capener-Jones, conditioning coach from Complete Physical Performance, Swansea, held a session on the 3G pitch at Pencoed College last Thursday.

With 28 senior players and all ages enjoying the conditioning session, the statistics will no doubt be improved over the next few weeks and months before the season starts.

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